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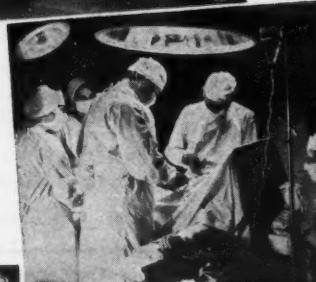
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All in the Family

"Since your acceptance of *Miss Dickie's Garden* (p. 24), I have been married," breathlessly writes the Pomona, Calif., author we knew as Dorothy Banker. Her by-line now reads, Dorothy Banker Turner—charmingly attested by the cake-cutting photograph. Her pre-cake career: "During several years in newspaper work,

I edited a church page. I have been teaching creative writing classes for the State adult education system. To my joy, several of my students have made sales to *CHRISTIAN HERALD*." Not to mention their teacher!



"**Hitting the road**" after college, Associate Editor Keith de Folo (*Golden-Rule Governor*, p. 19), worked his way from San Francisco to New York as lemon picker, waiter, deckhand on a Mississippi tug, to name only a few of his temporary careers during the one-year trek. Safely in Manhattan, he began writing business articles for *Forbes*, a year later graduating to *Time*, thence to *CHRISTIAN HERALD*.

"**Anti-dishwashing**" is the honest adjective Elisabeth Bunch Mansfield (*A Quarter's Worth of Light*, p. 22), homemaker and mother, applies to herself. Now a resident of Deerfield, Ill., Mrs. Mansfield is really, says she, "a transplanted rebel." She adds, "We moved 'up heah' four years ago. Although my Methodist parents nurtured their eight children on *CHRISTIAN HERALD*, I had not seen a copy for many years until I ran across one in a trailer park office on a trip to Florida in



1952. I promptly 'renewed' my subscription, which had expired a couple of decades ago." In photo: son Vaughn, Jr., Mom, daughter Genevieve. Not pictured: Vaughn, Sr., and son Robert.

July's sparklers include a stirring rebuttal of gossip slandering our sons abroad; don't miss *What's the Truth About Japan's G. I. Babies?* . . . the spiritual values of travel to lands where Jesus walked, as told by a man who has journeyed all over the Holy Land . . . How one Christian finds satisfaction through *My Monday Morning Letters*.

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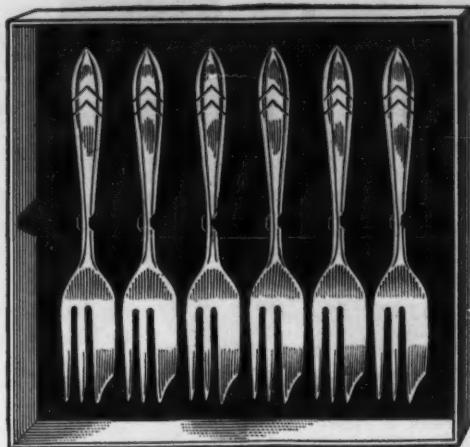
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Bishop Oxnam's Stand

• *How do you feel about Bishop Oxnam's denouncing the way Congressional committees are investigating Communism in education? He says it is a "threat" to the "freedom of educational institutions and churches as well." Does CHRISTIAN HERALD associate itself with the Bishop in this matter?*

KANSAS

(MRS.) G. L. B.

I have expressed my personal feeling and that of CHRISTIAN HERALD in my editorial which appeared in our May issue. Previously I have expressed my personal affection and admiration for Bishop Oxnam.

UN Prayer Room

• *Is it true that no one but the janitor ever enters the chapel at the United Nations?*

WASHINGTON

(MRS.) A. G. R.

There is no chapel, but a room has been set aside for meditation, prayer, silence or whatever the one entering may choose. While the room is not crowded, neither is it completely deserted, and I hope the attendance continues to grow. (P.S. I understand that the bar, which is gilded and glorified, is always crowded.)

"Tipping" the Preacher

• *I am troubled by the article, "Why 'Tip' the Preacher?" Some questions, for me, at least, are unanswered. Is there actually a baptismal fee, and what is meant by "registration fee"? Is there a fee for ministers at funerals? In my church, at least, all of these important matters are cared for by the minister without fees.*

MISSOURI

(MRS.) B. H.

1. In connection with baptisms, there are occasions when "honorariums" have been given to and accepted by the minister. This is true particularly where the service occurs in the home.

2. The author of the article mentioned is a Canadian minister. There may be some such "registration" prevalent in Canada. I do not know of it in the United States.

3. I do not know of any ministers who charge fees for conducting fu-

nerals, nor indeed for any other of these services.

The point, however, is whether or not ministers accept fees or gratuities *under any circumstance*. It is extremely difficult to standardize answers to questions that relate to so-called "fees." There are times when the preacher has absolutely no option but to accept the gift—unless, of course, he wishes to deeply offend the giver. He may, of course, indicate a cause to which he contributes such monies, but there are times when even this attitude might be resented by the prospective giver.

United Christian Youth

• *What do you know about the United Christian Youth Movement? Is it subversive or a Communist front?*

OHIO

(MRS.) H. M.

The United Christian Youth Movement is a thoroughly reputable organization of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America. It is not now and never has been fostered by Communists. It has the support of and represents the great majority of all our evangelical Protestant denominations.

Biblical Years

• *Can you tell me how biblical time in years compared with our present time? For instance, Methuselah's span of life was 969 years; how old would he be in our sense of time?*

INDIANA

R. F. B.

A year in Noah's time was 360 days according to Peloubet's Bible Dictionary. Therefore, Methuselah was, by this reckoning, about as old as by any other reckoning. A year is a year and is set by the sun, not by man.

March Cover

• *Is the little girl pictured on the cover of the March issue of CHRISTIAN HERALD any relation to you?*

MICHIGAN

(MRS.) W. W.

Yes, she's my child—and yours. She definitely belongs to the whole CHRISTIAN HERALD family. But, confidentially, she does look something like our son Clark's little daughter, Susie.

Material for Talk

• *I am to speak to our church Women's Guild on interpreting the Gospel. Can you refer me to some material on this subject?*

IOWA

J. M.

One of my editorial associates suggests that you should base your remarks on II Corinthians 3:2, 3. And here is a central idea: "I have read the Gospel according to Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. But what is the Gospel according to you and me?"

Peter Waldo

• *Are you correct in referring to Peter Waldo, founder of the Waldensians, as an Italian? You will find, I am sure, that he was born in Lyons, France—and France is not Italy.*

NEW YORK

L. P. C.

Right you are, and exactly right. You must, however, realize that national lines were very roughly drawn and uncertain in their status when Peter Waldo took the heroic stand which resulted in the establishment of the Waldensian Movement. Peter Waldo did come from Lyons, France.

Apostles Jewish?

• *I am told there was only one Jew among the Apostles. Is this correct?*

COLORADO

(MRS.) N. P.

It is not correct. They were all Jews.

Mr. Kinsey's Book

• *What do you think of the Kinsey book, "Sexual Behavior in the Human Male"?*

NEW YORK

H. M.

Perhaps a story that appeared in Time magazine, where Dr. Kinsey's personality sketch appeared recently, suggests what I think. It is said that once in Peoria, Illinois, he was interviewing a woman of ill-repute, "Suh," she told Dr. Kinsey, "You make me 'member things I never even knew happened to me." I have read the book and that is the way I feel about it, too.

Jesus' Brothers and Sisters

• *You say that Jesus had brothers and sisters. How could Jesus have brothers and sisters when His holy mother always remained a virgin? Who was the father of those brothers and sisters?*

WYOMING

MRS. C. S.

Protestants do not believe that Mary, the mother of Jesus, remained always a virgin. They believe that she bore children, both sons and daughters, who were the brothers and sisters of Jesus, who was "born of a virgin." In this whole matter Protestants accept as true and final the Scriptures.



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II CORINTHIANS 9

MONEY is coined personality. It is a symbol of invested talent and energy. Money is not necessary for a simple economy where producers can exchange with one another. Trade is carried on by barter in primitive tribes. As the organization of life becomes more complex, money, easily carried and stored, becomes a necessity. It represents an hour, a day, or a lifetime of work by someone. This is one reason for the emphasis on liberality in the teachings of Jesus and of Paul. Giving money is directly related to giving all of life. Indeed we cannot be fully consecrated to Christ and be stingy givers.

Paul is writing to a church that has disappointed him in many ways. These Corinthians have been contentious and critical of Paul, but he has not lost faith in them. In fatherly love he is hoping they will justify his faith. Chapters 8 and 9 of II Corinthians should be read carefully. Chapter 9 repeats much that Paul had written in the previous chapter, but is even more emphatic and impressive. There is a project very near to his heart. There is poverty and suffering in the little Christian community at Jerusalem (I Corinthians 16:3; Romans 15:26). Paul proposed that the churches take up an offering for relief.

Under the leadership of Titus an offering had been started in Corinth, but the project was lagging, probably because of divisions in the church. Church quarrels never generate benevolence. The Macedonian churches at Philippi, Thessalonica and Berea had given generously. This was in spite of poverty and persecution.

Paul never missed the basic motive for all Christian service. It must be the response to God's grace. Paul did note that those who give generously are blessed. Bread "cast on the waters" does return. Larders emptied of Christian love somehow do not give out. But Paul never meant to suggest that we should be generous in order to profit by it. It is the law of nature that life is gained by losing it. Like the manna of old, surpluses, stored in selfishness, tend to spoil. Self-interest can never be a truly Christian motive. Right

now what do American relief workers mean to Arabs expelled from Israel, their ancestral homes and lands taken away, living in abject poverty in concentration camps, hating America for her share in supporting Israel? Since we cannot give back their property, we can give them gifts of Christian love. Dr. Edwin Moll, head of Lutheran World Federation relief, is doing more to regain Arab confidence in America than all the diplomats.

Even the ownership of all our possessions by God and our duty to return a reasonable tithe to His service, does not constitute Paul's basic appeal for generosity. Of course we are stewards. Of course we owe a debt to God. But Paul calls on the Corinthian Christians to give regularly, not because it is their duty, but because their hearts respond to the grace of God. Christian stewardship is founded on the great commandment of love. The roots of love for neighbors are anchored and nourished in the love of God expressed in Jesus Christ. Pastors and lay church leaders must tell their fellow Christians of the need of the world. But they will fail unless they continually set before them the Christ in all His winsomeness. No one can love Christ and be hardhearted and stingy about the needs of his neighbors and the world. The only gifts that please God are given "not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

Questions:

The problem of enough food for everyone is a problem of distribution. In God's economy, what is the solution? When there is famine in India and plenty in America is God offering Christians a challenge? Is sharing with needy neighbors a duty or a privilege? What principle is involved in the offerings of Gentiles for relief of Jewish Christians? What is the lesson of Luke 21:1-4; 12:13-21; Exodus 25:1, 2?

• Sunday, June 14

THE BASIS OF CHRISTIAN LIBERTY

GALATIANS 2:1-10, 19-21

JESUS was born a Jew. He was circumcised and presented in the temple. His first disciples were Jews. He announced Himself to be the Messiah, (Continued on page 50)

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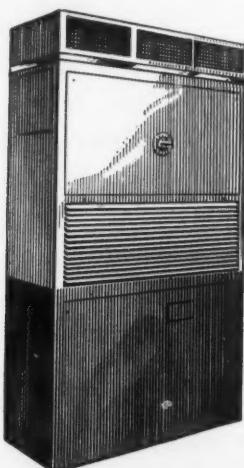
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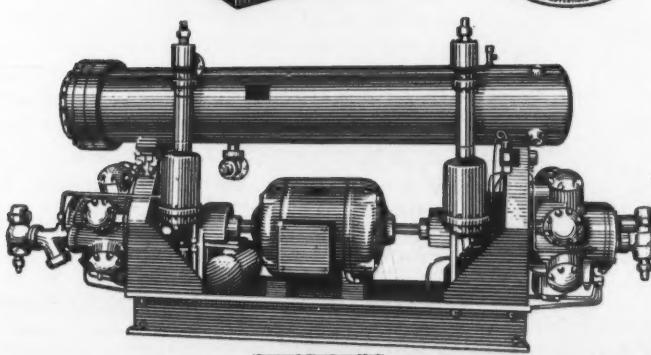
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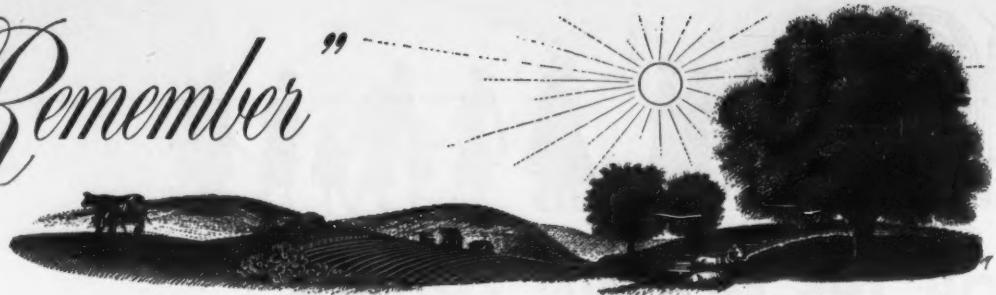
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"I Remember"



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Hold him a little longer,
Rock him a little more,
Tell him another story
(You've only told him four).

Let him sleep on your shoulder,
Rejoice in his happy smile—
He is only two-and-a-half
For such a little while!

—Author Unknown

From Ada N. Hershberger, Burton, Ohio



THERE is no music in a "rest," but there's the making of music in it. And people are always missing that part of the life melody, always talking of perseverance and courage and fortitude; but patience is the finest and worthiest part of fortitude, and the rarest, too.

—JOHN RUSKIN

CLEANING DAY

It is a way of praying,
To bend above unsightly floors and sweep;
To wash soiled walls; to scrub a porch; to keep
A little dwelling spotless; to align
Oneself with all the cleanliness and order
Of God's orderly world. Clean clothes are swaying
In the warm, summer breeze. The air is sweet
With blossoms planted in the yard's green border.
It is a way of praying,
To keep a house fragrant and neat!

—ANNE CAMPBELL

From Mrs. Wm. M. Runyan, Galveston, Texas



*The clouds have a silver lining—don't forget;
And though he's hidden, still the sun is shining;
Courage! instead of tears and vain repining
Just bide a wee and dinna fret.*

ANONYMOUS

I did not know when I was young,
How very much my father cared—
How all the problems of my youth
Were by him wisely, gladly shared.

I did not know, I could not know
How many thoughtful hours he spent,
Planning and praying for my good,
As on my way I blithely went.

The years have passed; a parent now,
I watch my children live and grow,
The love my father gave to me,
At last I know—ah, yes, I know!

—GLADYS DERR BRILL

From Mrs. C. W. Gilliard, Fostoria, Ohio

Grandmothers sometimes leave behind
Diamonds and rose point lace;
Mine bequeathed the memory
Of a warmly smiling face.

Life was not an easy thing
For her, who wed too young
And sang her lullabies for four
With school songs on her tongue.

Widowed early, Grandma left
Me nothing one could see—
And yet, the thought of how she smiled
In sorrow, comforts me.

—VIRGINIA SCOTT MINER

From Jane Dale, Hamiota, Manitoba, Canada



GO to sleep at eight o'clock and get up with the robins. Never miss the bird orchestra at daylight. Everyone wonders and is carried away out of himself when for the first time he discovers morning.

—E. P. POWELL

A covered bridge it is best to measure
By the bare feet of a small boy's pleasure.
Yellow dog at his heels, he darts forward, then back;
Now he must kneel to look through a crack
At the phoebe's nest. Now he must wait
While the swallow above him calls for a mate;
There out of the stone's-throw sits Grandfather Turtle,
On a rock in the stream beyond cowslips and myrtle;
The boy is alone with these lonely others,
Dog, bird and turtle, all are his brothers—
Seven steps forward to six steps back
Make it as plain as white is from black
That by boy's foot-rule, to cross a river,
A covered bridge is the longest ever!

—MARY GRANT CHARLES

From Miss Florence S. Winchester, Albany, N. Y.

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• AT HOME •

SUN: Russia's professed change of heart has evoked no general jubilation. The bear has cried "Peace!" too often to bring everyone running. It will take acts, not words, this time. For what Mr. Stalin could not accomplish with his cold war, Mr. Malenkov might achieve with a phony peace—namely, the spiritual disarmament of the United States.

It's a good time to remember the fable of the wind and sun, who were arguing about their relative strength. The wind pointed to a traveler below and boasted, "Sun, I am stronger than you. I can make him take off his coat. Just watch me." Whereupon the wind roared down and tried to snatch off the garment. But the harder he blew, the tighter the traveler pulled the coat about him. Ruefully, the wind gave up. Then it was the sun's turn. He turned on his warmth. Presently the traveler mopped his brow, unbuttoned his coat. Before you could say, "You can catch more flies with molasses than with vinegar," the coat was off.

Russia's big wind strengthened U. S. defenses. Russia's sudden warmth may cause them to crumble. Even "peace" may be used as a deadly instrument of war.

FRUITS: The President, addressing a meeting of the American Society of Newspaper Editors, was in fact speaking to the Kremlin. You Russians say you want peace, he declared in effect. You are not alone in this. Every man in his right mind wants peace. But to prove that you mean business, let's see fruits meet for repentance—and he ticked off a list: (1) Conclusion of an honorable armistice in Korea, with eventual free elections in a united Korea. (2) An end to Red aggression in Indo-China and Malaya. (3) Completion of an Austrian peace treaty. (4) Agreement to unification of Germany. (5) Agreement to a European community with "full independence of the East European nations."

It's time to be done with war, said this man who knows war so well. Every weapon made is a "theft" from those "who hunger and are not fed, those who are cold and not clothed." He promised, "This government is ready to ask its people to join with all nations in

devoting a substantial percentage of the savings achieved by disarmament to a fund for world aid and reconstruction." It was a magnificent address.

Keep your own box score on how close we are to plowshares and pruning hooks, how far from spears and swords.

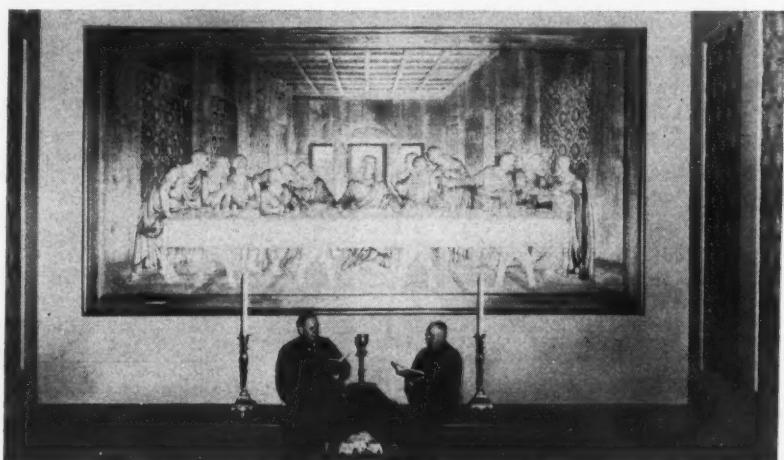
COMING DISTRACTION: Everybody else is talking about the 1954 elections and so, wearily, let's look at the way the land lies. Fact One: The Republicans now control Congress by the whisker of one seat in the Senate, seven in the House. Fact Two: Only twice since the Civil War has the party in power avoided losing ground in one or both levels of Congress in a mid-term election. Fact Three: There's not much ground to lose!

According to Senator Taft, the strategy to be trotted out—moth-eaten though it be—is a repeat hand-fluttering job on the Truman record. Republican Chairman Leonard Hall sees the big battle for control of the House centering upon 85 seats in districts where the candidates of one party or the other

were elected by a plurality of less than 5 per cent in 1952. Republicans are after the 45 seats that went to the Democrats by less than 5 per cent of the votes, Democrats are eyeing 40 seats that went similarly to Republicans. In the Senate, the GOP is in better shape. There, 33 seats will be filled (more, if deaths occur in the meantime), 12 of them now held by Republicans, 21 by Democrats. These Republicans are in "safe" territory, but at least nine of the Democrats are out in no-man's land.

PARTY'S END: President Eisenhower had the temerity to accept Mrs. Perle ("Call Me Madam") Mesta's resignation, and this reporter is not one bit sorry. She was a swanky party tosser—both in her pre-ambassador days in Washington, and in the tiny duchy of Luxembourg, where visiting celebrities and touring G.I.'s were beneficiaries of her hospitable use of your tax dollars. But she parted her job to pieces, giving the impression that Uncle Sam had time and money to burn.

COLLECTOR'S ITEMS: We Americans have a penchant for muchness, whether gold at Fort Knox (which, by a recent accounting, was still all there!) or butter in Midwestern cold storage. There may be a good, though highly theoretical, reason for piling up gold. But there's no good reason for piling up 125 million pounds of butter when the sun never sets on the world's hungry. Parity demanded we buy it; justice demands



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UPPER ROOM: The new chapel built by the Methodist Board of Evangelism for its headquarters building in Nashville, Tenn., recreates in detail the room in which Jesus and His disciples gathered, as conceived by Leonardo da Vinci in his famous painting, "The Last Supper." Bishop W. Angie Smith, the board's president, and the Rev. J. Manning Potts, chapel dean and editor

of "The Upper Room," Methodist devotional periodical, conducted services dedicating the unusual chapel. Behind them in the photograph above is the mammoth woodcarving copy of da Vinci's painting, made for the chapel by sculptor Ernest Pellegrini and some fifty craftsmen. The altar table and the chancel's floor, walls and ceiling duplicate the woodcarving's architecture.

we get rid of it. In addition to butter, the Commodity Credit Corporation owns 50 million pounds of cheese, 165 million pounds of dry skim milk, 110 million bushels of wheat and 259 million bushels of corn.

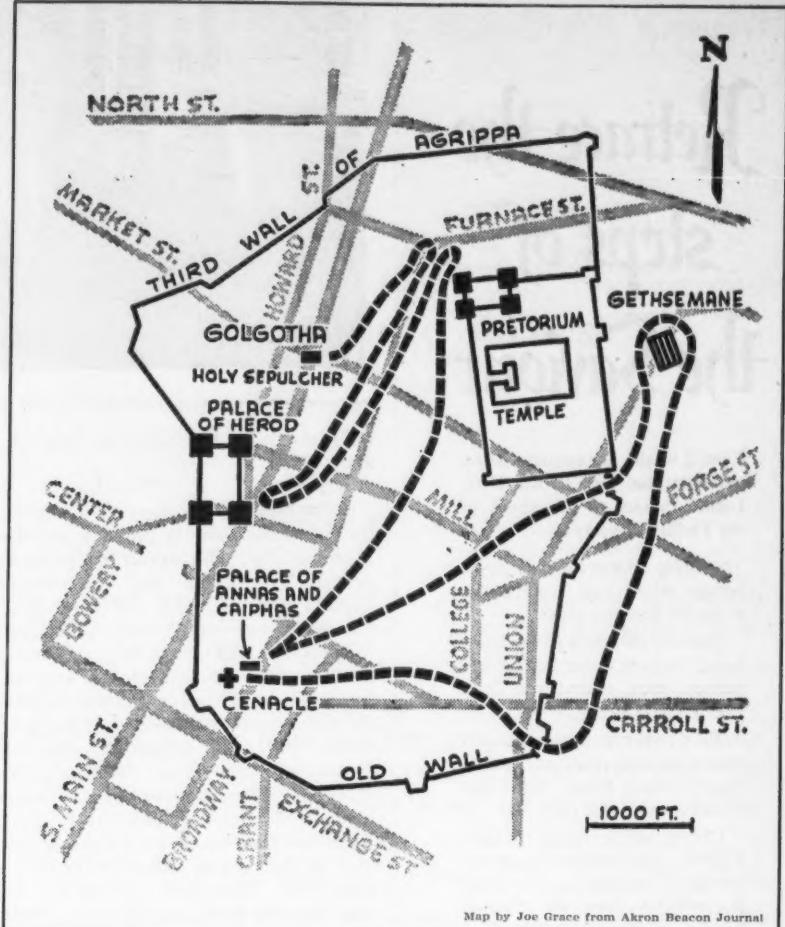
Either we had better get into the food distribution business or out of the price support business!

BOOTSTRAP: Point IV (it happened to be the fourth point in Truman's 1949 Inaugural Address), one of the most sensible things that ever happened to us, is endangered by indifference. Here is a way of helping those people of the world who want to help themselves, if somebody gives them the tools. More than a billion human beings—about half of the population of the earth—live in the areas where Point IV is working. Eight out of 10 are ill-fed; 7 out of 10 are chronically ill; only 3 out of 10 can read or write. In India the average span of life is 27 years. In Iran, one out of two babies born alive dies before it is a year old. Point IV gives technical direction so that the people themselves can tackle basic problems such as these.

The cost? For the year ending July 1, 1953, the bill to the U. S. will be \$156,576,000—less than the price of one battleship. Since Point IV started in 1950—three years ago—the total cost adds up to about \$2.17 for each American, biggest bargain in town.

AMENDMENT: "This Constitution . . . and all treaties made, or which shall be made, under the authority of the United States, shall be the supreme law of the land . . . anything in the Constitution or laws of any State to the contrary notwithstanding." So reads Article VI of the U. S. Constitution. Senators Bricker and Watkins propose amendments that would make invalid any treaty or executive agreement that "denies or abridges" a Constitutional right. Reason for Senatorial alarm: the increasing number of UN covenants covering matters once considered to be of only national concern. Whatever becomes of these Amendments, the day is fast approaching when we shall have to decide how far we plan to get into the UN and how far we propose to stay out.

COURIER'S CUES: Look for an attempt to settle for a Korean peace boundary at or near 38th Parallel, leaving us right back where we started from. . . . "Trade Not Aid" will cook for another year; the Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act, which expires on June 12, will be extended 12 months. . . . For the first time, married schoolteachers exceed spinsters in classrooms. . . . Maybe it was a coincidence, but Einstein's new equations to account for the universe all equaled zero! . . . By year's end, there will be more hard goods than



Map by Joe Grace from Akron Beacon Journal

JERUSALEM AND AKRON: On the day before Good Friday, the Akron (Ohio) Beacon Journal superimposed to scale on a city map the important points in Christ's Passion. An accompanying article describing the journey from the Upper Room to Gethsemane detailed in alternate paragraphs the sequence of

buyers; lower prices for autos, TV sets, refrigerators, washing machines, radios. . . . For those interested, dog food, too, is in short supply: horsemeat is scarce.

We've been asked where one sends seed packets as an inexpensive share in Filipino self-help. It's "Seeds for Democracy, San Francisco, Calif." . . . Disposable personal income was up 4% in 1952 over 1951, but philanthropy remained stationary at something less than 2% (government allows deductions of ten times that much!). . . . Look for probable 5% income tax cut this year, if Russia keeps on behaving.

• ABROAD •

GERMANY: Storm center of East-West European tension is Germany, potentially the strongest nation on the con-

tinents historically and then in words such as these: "They crossed Carroll Street, walked up and across the intersection of Market and Forge Streets and on up to Union Street, where Gethsemane has been located. It was here that Christ 'fell on His face and prayed' while His disciples slept."

tinent. Whoever gets Germany gets a powerful ally. That's why the U. S. has been plumping for incorporating German divisions in an Army of Europe. Now, with Russia turning on the charm, what happens to that projected army and NATO? France was unhappy about tying up with Germany even when the bear seemed about to pounce. Now that Mr. Malenkov is wearing a broad toothy grin, France will be even more reluctant. Germany, though disappointed before by the dangled carrot of national unity, will be sorely tempted if Russia drags out the carrot again. Irresistible evidence of Russian sincerity would be free elections in Eastern Germany. And, the return of an estimated 300,000 prisoners of war Russia has never released. And the guarantee that united Germany would

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TO RETIRE: Dr. Halford E. Lucecock (left) and Dr. Kenneth Scott Latourette retire in June from the faculty of Yale Divinity School. Dr. Lucecock, a Methodist, is Professor of Homiletics and often called "the most quoted preacher among preachers" in the U.S. Dr. Latourette, Baptist minister and Professor of Missions and Oriental History, is also a writer and lecturer.

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have the right to choose its own alliances, East or West.

PHILIPPINES: They have two parties, the Liberals (now in power) and the Nacionalistas, who would like to be in power. Boss of the "ins" is President Elpidio Quirino, who will run again. Candidate of the "outs" is Ramon Magsaysay, 45, formerly Quirino's Secretary of National Defense. Magsaysay made a name for himself fighting the Communist-led Hukbalahap rebels, broke with the President over Mr. Quirino's "softness" on the Huk problem. The Liberals have been in power since 1946. But the Nacionalistas have been creeping up, in 1951 gaining control of the Senate. They hope this is their year. Magsaysay's platform: "My first concern is for the Filipino people. My second is for clean elections to save democracy and clean out a government of graft and corruption." Sounds familiar.

DAG: Nationalist China (because of Sweden's recognition of Mao's government) could have vetoed Mr. Hammarskjold as Secretary-General of the United Nations—but didn't. Russia could have vetoed, and didn't. And the 47-year-old Stockholm financial expert is Trygve Lie's successor.

First, let's get his name straight. It's Dahg Hahm-mahr-shuld.

Next, who is he? His family has been prominent in Sweden's government for many generations. His father was Swedish Premier during World War I. Since 1950, Mr. H. has been a member of the Swedish Cabinet. In February he headed the Swedish UN delegation, but a few weeks later returned to Sweden. Unlike his predecessor, also a Scandinavian, he is a bachelor. Hobby: mountain climbing or if no mountains are available, plain walking. The five-year job carries with it an annual tax-free salary of \$40,000, a lifetime tax-free pension of \$10,000 a year after termination of service. Nice work if you can get it.

BURMA: The Burmese Army was winning its two-year war against local Communists when it suddenly stopped fighting. Reason: it had somebody else to fight—10,000 Chinese Nationalists, an army grown from a handful of officers and men who retreated into Burma when the Communists took over South China in 1950. Chiang calls them anti-Communist guerrillas, disowns 'em. The Burmese don't believe his protestations of innocence. They think the Chinese are being supplied from Formosa, which in turn is being supplied by the U. S.—turning Burmese indignation our way. The Nationalists, technically the "Yunnan Anti-Communist National Salvation Army," made the blunder of attacking Burmese forces, hoping to secure airfields, build up for hit-run attacks on the Reds in Yunnan. Burma feared a Communist invasion; with Nationalist troops on the loose, the Reds had a perfect alibi for coming in after them. Now Burma is not merely worried but fighting mad. The U. S., anxious to stay clear, finds itself in the middle, collecting another headache.

BERIA: When the Moscow doctors were taken into custody in January and accused of an Anglo-American-Jewish plot to murder Soviet leaders, it looked bad for Lavrenti Beria. As head of the secret police he was supposed to be on his toes to prevent doctors or anybody else from liquidating his charges. The Presidium medal, awarded to Dr. Lydia Timashuk, lowranking medical worker who "exposed" the whole plot to the government, was a slap in Beria's face, as was the hoist to the Party Secretariat accorded Minister of State Security, Semyon Ignatiev.

Then within weeks, this official communiqué: "The Ministry of Internal Affairs has carried out a verification of all material in the case of the group of doctors accused of sabotage, espionage and terrorist activities. Verification has shown that the accusations made against the above are false. The arrested have been freed." Dr. Timashuk

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- At General Electric, for example, in the fields of jet engines and electronics, gray hair is scarce. In one division the average age is 29 among the 767 engineers working on such things as gyroscopic gunsights, autopilots for jet fighters, bomber armament systems, naval gunfire controls, guided missiles.

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promptly lost her medal. Ignatiev was busted. Beria was cleared.

All of which means that intrigue and counter-intrigue are going on inside the Kremlin.

AFRICA: The knife-wielding Mau Mau, arch enemy of all that apartheid-promoting Daniel F. Malan stands for, helped to return him to office. Although Kenya is not a part of the Union of South Africa, Mau Mau excesses offered quotable proof that the native population is potentially dangerous and "must" be held down with the yoke that Premier Malan's Nationalists advocate. Supporters of the less extreme United Party were shocked by their own poor showing, putting on as they did the biggest election drive the country has ever known. If the fires had not been burning in Kenya since last October, when a state of emergency was declared, Malan might have lost. But he won, and the mandated bloody cycle will go on.

Watch Africa—and weep!

• CHURCH NEWS •

PROSPECTING: There's a "scroll rush" on among Bedouin shepherds along the Dead Sea. In 1947, an important find was made, bringing to light the oldest known copy of the Book of Isaiah. Now, half a mile away, seventy additional scrolls have been uncovered in an area honeycombed with caves. One scholar calls this latest discovery "perhaps the most sensational archaeological event of our time," and says that thirty-eight of the scrolls have been identified as nineteen books of the Old Testament. What these "newest" old scrolls have to offer in the way of additional light upon the Scriptures, we won't know for a while. Jordan's Director of Antiquities says scholars will be kept busy for the "next generation" pondering and discussing the translations and their significance. This much we do know: Bible students and archaeologists had to meet the stiff price asked by the Bedouins, otherwise see their priceless find go the way of the black market or be smuggled outside of the country. The Bible, new or old, is big business.

BACK TO GOD: The organization best remembered for its wet and rowdy conventions is sponsoring a movement that is giving a good many people a new appreciation of the sober side of the American Legion. Lewis K. Gough sounded more like Billy Graham than the Legion's National Commander when in his New Castle, Pa., speech he called for attention to the "triad of objectives" in the organization's Back to God campaign: regular church attendance, daily family prayer, religious education of children. It comes as



FAR EAST TOUR: On a three-month trip to Far East points, Dr. Daniel A. Poling (second row, second from right in photo) joined other religious leaders in visiting troops in Korea, Okinawa and the Philippines. His itinerary also included visits to *CHRISTIAN HERALD*'s orphanages and meetings with World Christian Endeavor Union groups.

something of a delightful shock to hear a Legionnaire bewailing the fact that "eleven million children between the ages of 5 and 20—more than two-thirds of the nation's youth in that age group—have had no regular church contact," and that "more than three million of those children have never seen the inside of a church." The Legion is fast becoming convinced of a fact that hasn't yet dawned upon some churchmen: either we live under the Iron Rule or under the Golden Rule.

RUSTLE: This year, Halford Luccock delivered the Lyman Beecher Lectures on Preaching at Yale. What he had to say about preaching techniques was drawled in his usual pungent-as-campfire-coffee style. He thinks preaching ought to be simpler, but says the preacher is not alone responsible for stratospheric pulpit flights into oratory. Congregations share the blame. "They have put a high premium on windy oratory. In the pulpit there is often the rushing of a mighty wind. The Lord is not in the wind, but they love to hear it rustle." The aim of preaching, he went on—and let churchmen on both sides of the pulpit note it well—"is not the elucidation of a subject but the transformation of a person. The purpose of the preacher is not to explain something, but to persuade people to think, to act, in a certain way." As always, Dr. Luccock has hit the nail on its elusive head. This June, the preacher-trainer who has popped more pompous balloons than anybody else in the business, retires from the Yale Divinity School faculty, along with Dr. Kenneth Scott Latourette (photo on

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WINDFALL: "If our church only had the money, what we couldn't do—" is the dreamy contemplation of many congregations. Whether the 29-member Elfland, North Carolina, Presbyterian Church, with an annual budget of \$1200, ever weighed such an unlikelihood, we don't know—but they're going to have to do some weighing in a hurry. A member has left them an amount that may total \$500,000.

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IN BRIEF: A Protestant clergyman in East Germany has been sentenced to a six-year prison term for telling his congregation to "obey God rather than men." . . . The Manchester (N.H.) *Union Leader* carries over its masthead every Saturday a headline urging its readers to attend church.

NBC and CBS refused TV showing over Easter week end to crucifixion and resurrection film, "I Beheld His Glory," on the grounds that it was objectionable to Jews!

On June 28, a Methodist mass meeting to commemorate birth of John Wesley is expected to draw 67,000 persons to Franklin Field, Philadelphia. . . . Final action will be taken on Presbyterian union plan in 1954; if accepted, the united body will be called The Presbyterian Church of the United States, will have 3,500,000 members. . . . Methodists are in the midst of a six-month tithing drive. . . . The Army has 200 unfilled chaplaincy vacancies. . . . Rep. Louis C. Rabaut (D., Mich.) has introduced a bill to authorize use of "In God We Trust" on postal cancellations.

• TEMPERANCE •

CAPITOL: The Washington, D. C., Ministerial Union has adopted a resolution calling for a half-mile-wide "dry zone" around the United States Capitol. The group, representing more than 200 Protestant ministers in the nation's capital, and we quote Religious News Service, "specifically condemned the serving of liquor at the new Capitol Hill Club, a lavish social club established by Republican Congressmen. They also urged that Republicans drop plans to include a bar in the proposed seven-story office building which will be erected near the Capitol." And some readers were wondering if Courier had his story straight on the Capitol Hill Club!

WAGON: Senator Alexander Wiley, estimable member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, attended a luncheon given by the German Charge d'Affaires for Dr. Konrad Adenauer, during the latter's visit to this country. As the newspapers told the story: "Chancellor Adenauer and Senator Wiley broke with life-long habits today to smoke a cigarette and drink a glass of wine in the interests of German-American friendship." Seems that Adenauer is a non-smoker, the Senator a teetotaler. Jokingly, Mr. Wiley offered the Chancellor a cigarette. Dr. Adenauer said gamely, "Very well, I shall smoke if you will drink a glass of wine." So the Senator downed the wine while the Chancellor puffed.

Neither is apparently the worse for wear, but that is not the point. The point is that every day of the week, the challenge is going out to young people and others: "Come on, be a good sport, join the crowd!" The example of neither Dr. Adenauer nor Senator Wiley will serve to stiffen youthful backbone.

SURPRISE: Two readers sent us clippings of a story enacted in Waco, Texas. The Budweiser beer people brought their famed hitch of eight handsome Clydesdale horses (who never touch the stuff!) to town for a five-day stand, to begin with a parade. The appearance had been billed in advance with all the huckstering finesse of a circus. But when the beer wagon rolled along Waco streets, lo and behold, it was followed by another exhibit that hadn't been advertised in advance—a trailer truck bearing a demolished automobile with ketchup-splattered Baylor students hanging from its windows. A placard pointed out that beer and automobiles added together equal death.

FACTS: Alcoholic beverage consumption in the U.S. has increased 124.6 per cent from 1934 to 1952, says the American Business Men's Research Foundation. Consumption of alcohol in these beverages has gone from 0.53 gallons per capita in 1934 to 1.39 gallons per capita in 1952. Beer consumption jumped from 7.90 gallons per capita in 1934 to 16.95 in 1952 (but in 1945 it was 19.86). Wine jumped 507 per cent, but is still comparatively low—0.85 gallons (reason for the recent wine advertising campaigns). . . . Today, 193 daily newspapers exclude all alcoholic beverage ads, 121 permit beer advertising only, and 185 permit beer and wine ads. Weekly newspapers banning all liquor advertising number 2068. (Significantly, more weeklies in Kansas ban liquor ads now, *since* repeal in that state, than did during Kansas prohibition.) Some 85 consumer magazines and 143 farm and home publications also exclude liquor advertising.

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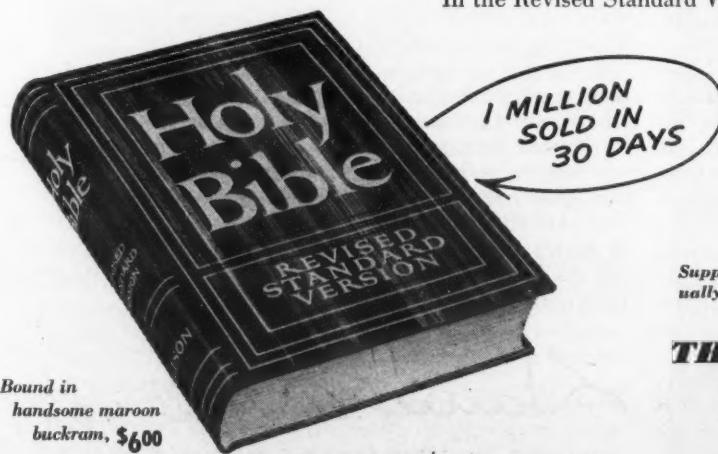
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Editorially Speaking...

• ENCOURAGING THE GOOD

ON THE INSIDE back cover of this issue there appears an advertisement for comic books. Because at first glance this ad may occasion surprise in some quarters of our reader-family, this seems a good time to restate CHRISTIAN HERALD's policy regarding its editorial and advertising approach to those influences and elements of American life which affect the lives of Christian families.

That policy, as forthright as it has been proved effective, is simply this: *applaud the good and condemn the bad*. It is that policy which determines this magazine's attitude toward anything which, for better or worse, becomes part and parcel of American family life. It determines our attitude toward books and magazines, motion pictures, radio and television.

For instance, when it became plain that motion pictures were here to stay, our readers generally approved our action in founding the Protestant Motion Picture Council and printing its evaluations of entertainment movies for guidance of those families who wish to separate the wheat from the chaff. A collateral effect has been the impact which the PMPC has had, and is having increasingly, on the movie industry. Even better, this approach to movies has led us to lead the field in encouraging the use of motion pictures as visual aids in Sunday-schools and churches—proving that the medium may be a force for good as well as a tool of the devil.

As with movies, so with books. CHRISTIAN HERALD again has been helpful to readers, through its extensive book review columns, in separating the good from the bad. Books too are here to stay! To further help our readers toward the choice of better and cleaner literature, CHRISTIAN HERALD's Family Bookshelf was established and has indeed become "a book club you can trust."

And comic books? Whether we approve or disapprove the rise in their popularity—to the extent of some 100 million copies a month—it is plain that the often misnamed "comics" are here to stay. In recent months certain of the comics, loaded with sex, crime and horror, have been under severe attack. Against these CHRISTIAN HERALD has cried out and shall continue to cry out—not for political censorship, which can and often does become a greater evil than the thing it seeks to correct, but for that much more effective censorship: (1) self-restraint by the industry itself, and (2) greater taste and discrimination on the part of the buyer which, in the long run, always determines what will live and what will die.

But by the same token, and in line with our policy, we shall be just as quick to support high-minded men and women who are endeavoring to redeem their industries from the unfair charge that *all* are evil. A

case in point is the Dell Comics, which represent the better element in this field of publishing and whose products we have screened and discovered to be worthy of the attention of parents and teachers. We are pleased to accept this company's ads and to recommend their products to parents and others in search of wholesome material of this type.

• A SALUTE TO JUDGE KAUFMAN

ONE of the most courageous men in the United States, as of here and now, is Judge Irving R. Kaufman. Guarded constantly, he is confronted at every turn by vilifiers and traducers who question his integrity while they continue their ceaseless effort to intimidate him. He, too, is a Jew, and the charge of anti-Semitism directed against him by the Communist-organized and directed world campaign to save the Rosenbergs from the electric chair, is typically insincere and dishonest. Here was a judge who shrank from his ordeal, who spent a long night in soul-searching vigil before the altar of his synagogue, and who released then one of the most remarkable statements in the history of American jurisprudence. That statement, and the document of which it is the heart, declared that the crime of the Rosenbergs was worse than murder. Whatever the ultimate fate of these traitors, this stand will remain as Judge Kaufman's salute to destiny.

The issue is not capital punishment, and there are those who, in sincerity, oppose capital punishment. Nevertheless, in this instance, they have allowed themselves to become a front for Communism itself. Communists do not weep over the Rosenbergs because they are against capital punishment. Mass murder, mass rape, anti-Semitism and the universal pogrom—these are techniques of Communism.

But today American jurisprudence, American tolerance of all faiths and races, American freedoms where also Communists who stay under the Constitution and within the law are free, have been so misrepresented and lied about across the world that even our allies believe the slanders. Judge Kaufman, with feet planted firmly upon the Constitution and the Bill of Rights, and with his face sunward toward his God, has decreed, not against the Rosenbergs at last, but in favor of democracy and liberty.

Daniel A. Poling
EDITOR OF CHRISTIAN HERALD

Golden-Rule Governor

Somebody said it for us: "Maryland's Ted McKeldin gets his religion and politics all mixed up — and the surprising result is good government!"

By KEITH DE FOLLO

BEHIND the husky, square-jawed, gentleman occupying the governor's chair in the State House at Annapolis, there is an ornate marble mantel. At one end of the mantel stands the American flag; at the other, the flag of the great State of Maryland. And resting on the mantel between the two is a large print of a popular painting of the Head of Christ.

It is more than poetic coincidence that a visitor thus sees the Christ over the shoulder of Theodore Roosevelt McKeldin.

On Sundays, more often than not, this six-foot-three crusader is standing in a pulpit, preaching the morning sermon. Lawyer, orator, Sunday-school teacher, politician—he is all of these simultaneously.

Outside of Maryland, most people heard of him for the first time last July, when his image was flashed on some millions of television screens from the Republican Convention. There he nominated Dwight D. Eisenhower for President, his compelling voice thundering out in the process a text from Second Chronicles:

"If my people which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

About that time it had become highly fashionable to embellish political speeches with biblical quotes. But for McKeldin, it was no forensic stunt. He firmly believes that "religion is a way of life; not just a faith." And few professional speechmakers strive as diligently to live up to Scriptural yardsticks as does he.

It was this motivation that sent him whirling into his first big task when he moved into the 181-year-old State House and set up that picture on the mantel.

Maryland at the time was a stronghold of religious and racial intolerance. Hot tensions had grown up between Protestants and Catholics since the days of Lord Baltimore II, who over 300 years ago brought tolerance to that section of the New World upon orders of Protestant King Charles I and his Roman Catholic Queen.

Both faiths looked askance at the Jews, who numbered about 80,000 and who were rigidly banned from many hotels, clubs and residential areas all over the state.

And at the low end were 400,000 Negroes, target of the



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LINES OF A LAYMAN

WHAT IS PAST IS PROLOGUE



WHAT will our youth, the boys and girls of today, do when they take over this nation, this world of ours, tomorrow? If the fear of the unknown is frightening to us older folks who have faced and conquered many such fears, what type of tensions and trembling must these young folk feel when they face the problems of an atomic age not yet tested by any man? Indeed, they must often wonder how they will bear up under fire.

However, this prospect of days to come should not give us cause for great alarm. We have some yardsticks to help us gauge how today's youth will later measure up to their tasks and responsibilities. There is great truth in the motto emblazoned on the Archives of the United States: "What is past is Prologue." In this building in our nation's capital, which houses the historic documents and relics of our heritage, we can indeed find clues to how our youth will respond to adversity in the future. If we comb the events of the past, we can rediscover those principles upon which national and individual greatness are based, and from which integrity grows. These principles are largely ones which must be applied by the individual in his own life, but the collective action of all its citizens is reflected in a nation's outlook and achievements.

prejudice of all. The majority of them lived in the slums of Baltimore, among the worst in the nation.

McKeldin saw his job as cut out for him. He had to make a start at steering his state back to the love and understanding which had shaped it. That job isn't done yet—and may never be entirely finished anywhere. But McKeldin gave the wheel a turn. It is slow work, and as he says, "a matter of painful re-education." As part of his crusade, he began going directly to the churches, cathedrals and synagogues. He acquaints each with the other's faith. From a Protestant pulpit, he warmly describes the sacrifices millions of Jews are making to build a new Israel. At a Catholic men's club, he talks about the religious shrines he has visited in the Holy Land—the tomb of Christ near an ancient Jewish Temple, and both of these in sight of a Moslem mosque. At a Jewish breakfast, he talks about the time when the world will become the "Parliament of Man" Tennyson envisioned. Even though McKeldin is an Episcopalian, he seems almost totally oblivious of sectarian distinctions. He laughingly prefaced a talk at the Grace Methodist Church with, "I'm a Methodist who belongs to the Episcopal Church."

In all these religious houses, it is his ability to cut through and across religious barriers that is doing much to turn the Maryland Catholic to the Jew, and Jew to Protestant, and Prot-

estant to Catholic in a new spirit of fellowship.

Political barriers never bother him either. Though Gov. McKeldin is a Republican, he is probably less party-conscious regarding patronage than most politicians on the American scene. He never spends much time currying the favor of political groups. Because of this independence, McKeldin often offends Republican leaders by handing government jobs to deserving Democrats. "I pick the best man, regardless of his party," says the Governor. He recently shocked both parties by appointing a Jew as Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals, the state's highest court.

When he was Baltimore's Mayor, McKeldin appointed the first Negro policemen in the city's history. The Democratic City Council screamed a warning of "Race Riot!" and his Republican associates said he had cut his political throat. But nothing happened, because the right men were picked. McKeldin has continued to appoint Negroes to public office. Today, Maryland Negroes can be found on the state boards of Welfare, Health and Education. This Mason-Dixon border state also boasts several Negro magistrates who pass judgment on both black and white violators. Says McKeldin pointedly: "Marylanders are gradually finding that neither white nor Negro has a corner on virtue or vice."

No matter what group Gov. Mc-

Keldin is addressing—and he is forever speaking before one audience or another—he hammers away at prejudice, all 57 varieties of it. In a voice that drawls out southern syllables tinged with a Scottish accent, McKeldin can stir his hearers to tears or laughter, seemingly almost at will. In words that recall the old-time fervor of Dwight L. Moody and the urbanity of Winston Churchill, the Governor can create a concrete determination in the listener to be a better person.

What makes this man—this preaching politician—sound so convincing? And how does he continue to make practical Christianity work so successfully for him?

The answer lies in a small, squalid brick "row house" in the slums of South Baltimore where the eleven McKeldin children grew up.

One day, a busload of well-dressed children stopped at the corner of Eutaw and Stockholm, where Ted McKeldin lived. The youngsters followed a tall, prim woman onto the garbage-littered street. Waving her hand, the woman explained in a high-pitched voice that "This is the terrible thing we discussed in our Civics class." She spotted a couple of Negro children and commented patronizingly on their shabby, dirty clothes. The dark boys started to cry. Twelve-year-old Ted, who had observed the spectacle from his front window, clenched his fist in rage and shame. He wished he could do something! But he couldn't. Not just yet.

THE next summer, Ted attended the Methodist Bible camp in Mountain Lake Park not far from Baltimore. With awe and fascination, he listened to the great preachers in the big hall. He looked at the audience and saw rapt and ennobled expressions on the faces. Later, he heard the older folk say, "My, a speech like that can change a life!" "He speaks right to your heart, doesn't he?"

Ted thought, "I also want to speak to the hearts of men." Maybe the ministry was the way to do it. Hadn't his Sunday-school teacher said that he should become a public speaker, because he argued so well?

When Ted returned from camp, he told his parents that he wanted to be a preacher. With tears in her eyes, his German mother quietly explained that there wasn't enough money to give him an education. His father, a stonemason and a heavy drinker, earned hardly enough to feed the family. But Ted McKeldin wasn't to be defeated so easily.

After finishing grammar school, he took a job as an office boy in a bank
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Blossoms, Brides and Blizzards

By FAITH BALDWIN

ILLUSTRATOR: RICHARD OTT

*J*T SEEMS to me that Nature in spring is like a spendthrift aunt who is suddenly overtaken by an irresistible urge for generosity. She gives with both hands, with the utmost lavishness and then, as if fearful that her bank account will be overdrawn, has a complete change of heart and settles down to a season of thrift.

I am not discounting the summer gardens, but am thinking mainly of the spring flowers, which appear almost simultaneously in our section of the world. The bulb flower has scarcely been admired when trees and bushes burst into bloom. Lilacs are laden, dogwood is white or rosy snow, orchards are a drift of beauty. What with one thing and another, wild or cultivated, it is a season almost too lovely to bear. Your heart runs from one beauty to another.

I often think that spring, which properly begins in March and ends late in June, must be unbearable to those who grieve for a loved one recently lost.

This year—as in most—our family has something new to watch, guard and exclaim about. When we moved here, we firmly said we would make-do with whatever grew free on the place. We would eliminate old gardens and plant nothing new in the way of shrubs.

Of course, we haven't held to that promise. One never does. The old gardens are indeed in the process of being erased but the untidy appearance so bothered us that we begged annuals from friends and so had one small cutting bed. We also put in bulbs because, we said, when people send us Easter plants, "It's such a pity not to use them!" And I, with the sly, secretive scheming of an addict about to return to his obsession, sent away for a rose tree, but only one, I hasten to add.

My birthday is in October. Last February my sister bought me a present for October '53, a gift which was delivered in April! It appears that the Brooklyn Botanical Gardens have developed a weeping (Continued on page 39)

A Quarter's Worth

The memorable story of a sailor and a Wave, welcome in the night, and of the people who

THIS was their wedding day. It was five-twenty in the morning, December 22, 1951, and the thermometer registered ten below zero. The cold north wind blew mercilessly across Lake Michigan and beat against the barracks of Great Lakes Naval Station. Gene and Mary climbed into his '41 Chevrolet to begin their Christmas leave. The aging car shivered against the icy morning and complained about starting the trip. But Gene asserted his electronic technician's masterful touch, and Mary pleaded as a Wave with romance in her heart—and the car gave in.

The cold could not penetrate their own warm glow—not on their wedding day. The car crept uneasily over the eleven miles of slippery highway that led to Deerfield, Illinois, and Bethlehem Church where they would stop and go in. The Reverend F. G. Guither was expecting them. What did it matter that they were far from home, he from Houston, Texas, and she from Weed, California? Here, in a little Chicago suburb, they had found a church where they could speak their vows at dawn.

"Do you remember that September night when we found Bethlehem Church?" Mary asked.

"Do I!" Gene exclaimed. "I had to chase all over Deerfield to find a place to buy you an ice cream cone."

"Then we turned the corner by the dairy store and suddenly the lighted steeple towered in front of us, almost scattering the stars."

"And you said, 'Let's go to church there Sunday!' Mary. I could hardly remember when I had been to church last."

Then they had come to Bethlehem Church to worship.

Lighted steeple of Bethlehem Church led Gene and Mary to worship, later to church altar to exchange marriage vows.



of Light

a church whose towering steeple glowed a
took a far-from-home couple to their hearts

The new building, of Georgian colonial architecture, had been dedicated a week before, and the congregation was realizing a long-cherished dream. This was their third church since 1861. Now they had a beautiful sanctuary. Russ Walther, a layman of unusual electrical ability, and some enthusiastic and unselfish men had designed and installed the outside lighting. The steeple became known as "the highest point in Deerfield." These people wanted to show others that there was a church here pointing its lighted finger toward God.

Someone had said that if George Washington could throw a silver dollar across the Potomac, Bethlehem Church could throw twenty-five cents' worth of electricity even further each night. In the south wall, the glass block cross shone across Deerfield Road, lighting the way for all who had missions in the night.

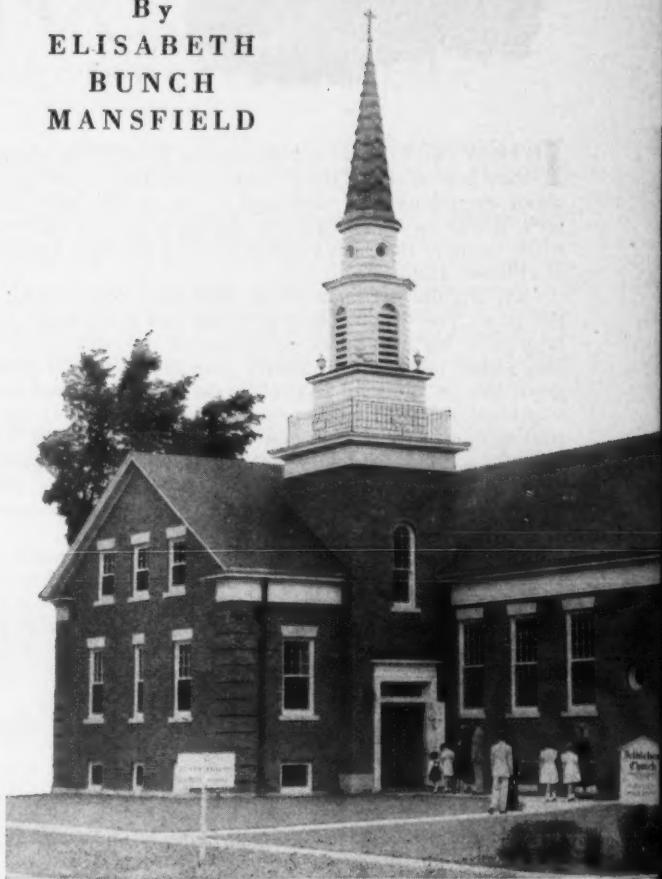
Gene and Mary had seen it and followed its glow. They came to church one October Sunday and were greeted by the ladies of the Hospitality Committee—Mrs. Cyril Duffy, Miss Alice Olsen and Mrs. William Ramsey. Other members welcomed them after the service, and, Sunday after Sunday, Gene and Mary returned. They began to recognize friends by names: the Pagels, the Stangers, the Merners, the Scotts, the Timms, the Strykers, the Gisses, the Petersens. Gene said that he began to enjoy "listening to a preacher" who could not only preach a good sermon but could bowl a good game and laugh at a joke.

The members who made Gene and Mary welcome were not just hand-shakers. Often there (Continued on page 54)

Surprised Gene and Mary found array of gifts from early-rising church members who gathered for the dawn ceremony.



By
ELISABETH
BUNCH
MANSFIELD



New Bethlehem Church building, of Georgian colonial architecture, is the realization of a long-cherished dream.

At festive breakfast, also a gift of church people, toast fed to the groom replaced the traditional wedding cake.





Miss Dickie's

IF MISS DICKIE had not been in the hospital she would have known about Mort Gray's arrest, just as she knew about everything that happened to any of her boys and girls. It was mysterious the way she knew everything even when vacation time came and she wasn't teaching English at Hillcrest High.

Only she did not know about Mort Gray until she read the paper one evening just after she had come from the hospital to her new home, which was at the edge of town and wasn't much bigger than a play house. It had been given her by "grateful students" who had discovered she was being evicted from her rented house after it had been sold to someone else by its out-of-town owner.

She was sitting in her new little kitchen reading the paper when she saw the item about Mort. It was not long, just that he had been fined and placed on probation on charges of burglary.

Miss Dickie thought, "Why, he should have appeared in juvenile court!" Then she realized he must be about nineteen by now. She remembered the flashing black eyes in his young face and his alert, eager mind that turned to studies of English as easily as it turned to pranks. Miss Dickie knew the pranks were because he was lonely, what with having no parents and only an older sister.

Now Miss Dickie said to herself, "Lonely still and probably no money or job. I wish I could have helped him." She would go see him tomorrow. Maybe she could still help.

She rose early the next day to finish planting some slips that had been given her. Then she would go to see Mort.

The few strips of land she called her garden had been spaded and the digging was not hard, but still she had to stop often to rest. That was how she happened to notice Mort standing a few feet away, on the highway that led out of town.

Under one arm he held a bundle. His tall frame was slumped and his head bent, and he was scarcely looking at the cars towards which he stuck up his thumb.

MISS Dickie walked over to him just as a car drew to a stop. "Hello, Mort," she said, before he could get in. And to the surprised driver, "I've an errand I want him to do. Thank you just the same." Mort watched the car disappear down the highway. There was a hurt droop to his mouth, a "what-do-I-care?" gleam in his eyes.

"I was just wondering where I could find somebody to help me plant all these slips," Miss Dickie said, "when I happened to look up and there you were."

Before Mort could protest he was on his knees, digging holes in the moist, good earth, fitting in slips Miss Dickie handed him.

"This is from Mary Mayer," she said, pointing out the cards on each one. "This is from Joe Dodge. And this is from Henry and Sylvia Jones. They're for what I call my friendship garden, and I never saw so many."

Mort kept his face turned to the ground and away from Miss Dickie's eyes. Finally he said, "I heard about the garden, Miss Dickie. Everybody's been talking about it, just like they did about your house."

He did not say he'd contributed towards the house, but

the gift card Miss Dickie treasured bore his name. "Would you like to see the house, since you helped to buy it?" she asked.

"Me help? Why, I only gave a dollar!" For the first time he looked at her and she saw the sickening hurt and despair inside him.

"A dollar's a lot of money," Miss Dickie said.

She led the way inside the house and showed him the small kitchen with its rows of bright pottery dishes and copper utensils. She led the way into the living room, where they looked at the prettily papered walls, the floor covered with soft green carpeting, the deep upholstered chairs and the rows and rows of bookcases. Miss Dickie said, "It's hard to realize all this is for me."

Mort looked at everything, his eyes returning to the books, as he silently read their titles. A half smile formed on his lips and a bit of the flashing eagerness she remembered came into his drawn face.

WHEN she came from the kitchen with two glasses and a pitcher of milk and some peanut-butter sandwiches on a tray, Mort was still standing, looking at the books. He said, "Thank you, Miss Dickie, but I'm not hungry." But once he was seated in the big green chair, he ate three sandwiches and drank two glasses of milk.

She didn't say anything for a time—nor did he. Then he told her, "I'm afraid I can't finish planting the slips for you, Miss Dickie. I—I'm leaving town."

Miss Dickie kept her eyes on her sandwich.

"I'm sorry—" he fumbled over the words.

She said, casually, "Maybe you could finish when you come back. I've been wanting you to help with the planting. I was going over today to ask you if you could spare the time for it. I've a feeling you have a green thumb." At his questioning look she said, "That's a gardener's expression for the knack of making things grow."

"Oh, Well, I won't be back." The words were quick and sharp. He looked at her defiantly, yet with bewilderment.

"I'm sorry," she said. "I was hoping you could help."

Then, probably because she asked no questions, he told her everything, quickly, bitterly. "It's not a pretty story," he said once, in a detached way as if he couldn't realize it was his own. "That's why I'm leaving. Nobody's going to give me a job here and my sister says she'll probably lose her job over this."

"But where are you going?"

"I don't know. Somewhere where I can try to get a job. If there is such a place."

Miss Dickie poured him another glass of milk.

"When you lose something the only place to find it is where you lost it," she said. "And you'll find it if you keep on trying. Do you know Jed Cummings?"

"No."

The way he said it she knew he had heard often enough about Jed Cummings, about his great fleet of trucks, his warehouse, his fertile acreages under cultivation.

"I'm going to phone him and see if he doesn't have a job for you."

"He won't hire me because nobody wants somebody

Garden

Not only green things flourished under her deft touch. Miss Dickie had a way with people, too

A story by
DOROTHY BANKER TURNER

who's on—probation." Mort spit out the word as if it made him sick to say it, as if he had said it over and over.

Miss Dickie went to the telephone and, with little delay, was saying to Jed Cummings, "There's a young man here you might like to have work for you."

When she hung up she turned in time to see the guarded hope Mort could not quite mask.

She said, "He'll be right over," and she pretended not to see the amazement in Mort's young face. Then while they waited for Jed, she took him out to the little front

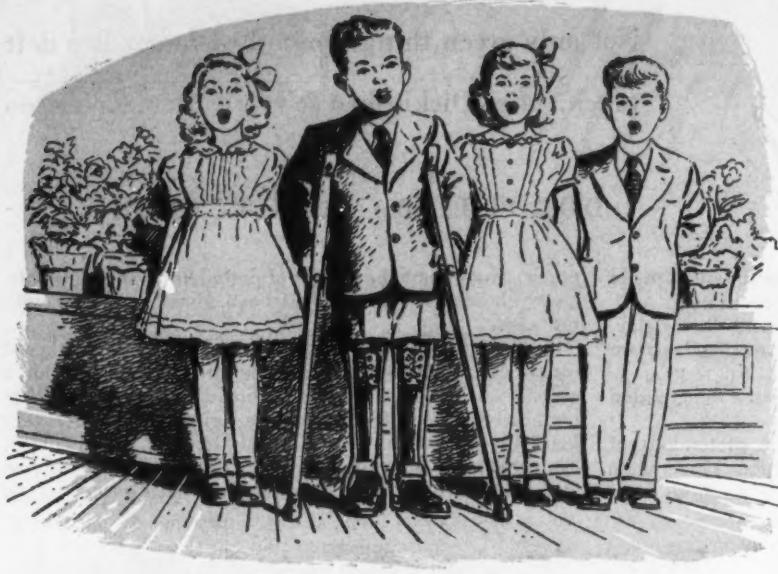
porch, where grew the dozens of potted and hanging plants, mostly home grown, that had been given her along with the slips.

Jed Cummings came in his powerful, but well weathered coupe. He was a big man and he strode up to the porch quickly on long legs. Above his broad, powerful shoulders his head was held high. His eyes, bright blue under very black brows and hair, came quickly to meet Miss Dickie's. They held the same sort of quick eagerness that she had sometimes seen in Mort. Miss (Continued on next page)



ILLUSTRATOR: GEORGE WILSON

"Hello, Mort," said Miss Dickie, as he started to step into the car. "I wonder if you could help me with the planting."



CHILDREN'S DAY

By RUTH STOWE

IGUESS if anyone asked me, "Are you a Christian?" I'd probably answer "Yes," although I don't go to church every Sunday and I don't wear my religion on my sleeve.

But if they asked me, "Do you believe in God?" I certainly would reply with a loud "Yes!" and undoubtedly feel injured or insulted at such a question.

Like most "lukewarm" church members, I have always accepted the green grass in summer, the riot of color in the autumn, the white feathery landscape in winter—just as the average person does without ever considering the source. Yet, I believe in God.

Also, like most lukewarm Christians, I pray hardest when I want something badly or when I'm in a tough spot with my back up against the wall and no way out. And somehow, He always seems to hear those selfish prayers, and He answers!

One Sunday, I suddenly felt the need of attending church. I debated with myself for a time because our regular minister had been retired and in his place, I knew, was a young man. I had heard he was "on the ball," a bright, likable young chap, but I had never had the pleasure of meeting him. So, out of curiosity plus the fact that I was in desperate need of a miracle (or so I thought), I went to church.

As I entered the vestibule, I heard the organist playing the morning prelude. Inside, the church was already filled. The usher led me far up front,

which annoyed me, since I had planned to slip into the back seat unnoticed.

It was Children's Day! Row upon row of shining faces decked out in their Sunday best lined the seats up ahead of me. I looked from one to the other, remembering my own boy when he was small, dressed in his new suit, excited and proud over his part in the program. My heart was wrenched, remembering it all.

Then the minister came out from the vestry and slowly entered the pulpit. I must have stared, for I had never seen a more handsome man in all my life.

"This is certainly a switch," I said to myself. "A young handsome minister should do wonders to draw the younger set into the church. Wonder if he's married?"

I smiled, thinking what a lot of young female hearts would throb if he was still single, and remembered my own age. A sigh escaped me.

From across the aisle, I could feel a pair of eyes upon me. I looked over and saw a little boy. I'm a "softy" for children anyway, especially little boys, so I grinned at him and said "Hello" with my lips.

He smiled back. Smiled? That hardly describes it. His little face radiated happiness. It seemed as if someone had suddenly lighted a thousand candles.

Fascinated, I continued to stare and smile back into the chubby little face. I thought I could see my own little

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MISS DICKIE'S GARDEN

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Dickie said, "Jed Cummings, this is Mort Gray," as if they were two men of the same age, and after they shook hands she led the way into the living room.

When they were seated she said quietly, "Jed, I wonder if you would like Mort to work for you."

Jed looked across the small room at Mort. "How would you like to help service the trucks for a few months until you're ready to take a turn at driving one?"

Mort said, "I'd—like—" His voice choked, and his hands clenched tightly. Then he said, "I'm going to leave town, sir, and besides, you won't want to have me anyway when you hear I'm on probation—"

Jed's expression did not change as he said, quietly but as emphatically as if he had shouted it, "Has Miss Dickie been telling you that when you lose something the only place to find it is where you lost it?"

Mort's face flushed. "Yes, but I'm afraid—"

"Miss Dickie's right. You see, Mort, when I was not much older than you, I was arrested and fined for stealing quite a bit of money. I managed to pay back the stolen money, but there was still the shame of it. So I was leaving town, trying to get away where nobody knew me or about me, when Miss Dickie caught me. She told me about finding what you lose if you try long enough and hard enough. I didn't believe her then but I discovered that she's right."

His voice was matter-of-fact and he did not seem to see the surprise and disbelief and hope as they showed in Mort's face.

"Miss Dickie, will you do Mort and me the honor of having dinner with us tonight at the Inn?"

MORT tried to speak, but Miss Dickie said, "Why, thank you, Jed. I'd like that."

Jed said, "You ride over with me, Mort, and I'll show you what needs to be done in a hurry on number six."

He stepped aside for Mort to go through the door first. Mort stepped through and turned to Miss Dickie. He said, quietly, but with a promise of things to come, "Thank you, Miss Dickie."

His shoulders went back and his head went high like Jed's, as the two went down the walk.

Miss Dickie watched them go. She blinked away the sudden bit of moisture in her eyes, and then she said briskly to herself, "Well, I'd best get back to my planting."

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Have Fun Earning That Extra Dollar!

A hobby or a spare-time business keeps you young in spirit—and puts money in the bank

By MARY JACOBS

THE happiest day of Harvey Holmes' life was his sixty-fifth birthday. "My last day of slavery, honey," this short, wiry man of tremendous energy chuckled to his wife Hallie over their hurried bacon and eggs. "No more getting up with the birds! We'll manage fine on our savings and my pension. The rich'll have nothing on us."

Leisurely perusal of the morning paper and repainting the house passed idle hours for a time. Then Harvey was constantly underfoot begging for previously bothersome chores. Within a few months this once-active citizen had become a grumbling, miserable old man. "This life of Reilly is the bunk," he finally exploded to his wife. "Since a schedule's meant so much all my life, I'll simply have to find something to do or I'll go crazy."

"You're so handy," Hallie said quietly. "Sue next door will be pleased if you put new chains in her windows. They come smashing down."

Before he realized it, Harvey had launched a new career as neighborhood Mr. Fix-It. The \$25 he earned weekly for a few afternoon's pleasant labor not only provided undreamed of luxuries, but made him feel useful once again.

Fortunately he discovered what millions of middle-aged and elderly depressed, frustrated people have not yet grasped: after years of fruitful activity, stopping short is as dangerous as grasping a high voltage wire. To keep mentally and physically sound one must exercise his strength and ability.

If many older people are to live decently, earning money is a necessity. Pensions that seemed adequate five years ago, carefully nursed investments, can't quite cover catapulting living costs. One of every four oldsters in our country has been forced on old-age assistance rolls.

Her slim shoulders sagging, her wrinkled face taut, 66-year-old Helen Dorman trudged from office to office, begging for stenographic work. Regardless of the exact wording of the refusals, all added up to "You're

Handmade quilts, rugs and purses will usually find a ready market.

These ice-cream spoon caricatures of famous people sell for a dollar each.



too old." Her \$26 monthly Social Security provided no security at all; her life savings were almost exhausted. "I'll starve before I accept charity," she told her landlady.

Pitying her, a young real estate broker finally said, "I can't afford you full-time, but I can use you afternoons when I'm showing houses."

Within a short period he discovered what so many employers of the not-so-young learn. Helen's maturity and experience gave her an advantage over younger women. She's making good now at both office work and part-time selling!

We are gradually becoming a nation of older people. In 1900 only three million reached 65; 10½ million were between 45 and 64. Today 11½ million are over 65, 31 million between 45 and 64. Over a quarter of our population is middle-aged or older, and the proportion is increasing steadily.

"Too many people," says Senator Thomas C. Desmond, chairman of the recent New York State Joint Legislative Committee on Problems of the Aging, "begin in their forties to build up investments, but neglect planning what they will do when they retire till that very day arrives. The time to prepare for a successful old age is, of course, before you reach it.

"By all means, cultivate a hobby. Many a businessman who sneered at photography or woodturning finds them blue chip securities for his later years."

John Kovac, an up and coming Chicago engineer, found cloth weaving excellent relaxation. Today his tailor buys all he can loom at premium prices. Shreveport, La., salesman Joe Finch got a kick from watching birds, like vain humans, admire themselves in his garden mirror. Now his bird cages with mirror-doors sell as fast as he turns them out. Tom Platt, a Butte, Mont., mechanic, gets pleasure as well as cash from machining lamp parts for a local manufacturer.

Mrs. and Mrs. Charles Johnson, basking in sunny St. Petersburg, Fla., have their old hobby, snapping pictures, earning money for them. Mothers gladly pay 50c apiece for unposed shots of their tots playing in the park. A Catalina couple, great fishing fans, enjoyed making flies. They're kept plenty busy filling friends' orders from their home.

Forty-five-year-old Helen Mathis loved to shop. With her children married and away, she fills up empty spaces in her day by armchair shopping for Denver citizens, for a fee, of course. Jane Horton, whose homemade party dresses for her own small fry brought so much admiration, picks up pin

money making exquisitely embroidered frocks for lucky children of Rocky Hill, Conn.

In selecting a hobby, you must consider your background, abilities and physical stamina. What do you like most to do? Can you do it better than others? Or how long will it take to master? Is there a crying need for your service in your community?

You're that much ahead if it's an offshoot of your regular job: the accountant not quite up to full-time work who keeps books for small neighborhood firms, the retired musician who coaches the high school band. If you dislike plumbing or dressmaking that chained you, forget them. Fun must be an integral part of your pay. Re-

centers, sheltered work shops and other vocational training groups have sprung up throughout the country. The now defunct San Francisco Old Age Counselling Center, started during the depression by Dr. Lillian Martin, still serves as model.

At the non-sectarian Arts & Crafts Department of the Riverside Church in New York City, adults receive expert instruction in hand arts, from bookbinding and textile designing to jewelry making. Fees are nominal; the church underwrites the deficit.

NEW York City's Hudson Guild Settlement House has a very active oldsters' training center. I saw men and women handpainting plates (retail price, \$5); sewing colorful aprons (\$2 retail); drawing caricatures of famous people on ordinary wooden ice-cream spoons (snapped up at \$1 apiece). The only charge to members is cost of materials. Besides selling these products at their annual exhibit, the settlement house accepts orders on a year-round-basis. Together, the city welfare department and the settlement support the project.

If there is no hobby club in your town the local YMCA, YWCA and public adult education centers may offer free or low-cost instruction on anything from preparing party refreshments to rewiring lamps.

Mrs. Caroline Smith, a mature matron of Elizabeth, N. J., found herself with spare time, minus the wherewithal to buy Christmas gifts for all her friends. An ad in the Elizabeth *Daily Journal* from a teacher of glove making caught her eye. "Why not give a hand-sewn pair of suede gloves this Christmas? An afternoon's instruction for \$5 is all you require."

It proved sufficient for Mrs. Smith. That first Christmas she made 15 pairs, at an average cost of 75c plus four hours effort. A pair came to the attention of the director of Adult Education for Elizabeth's high schools. Result? Mrs. Smith keeps happily and profitably busy teaching in the night classes of Elizabeth, Cranford and Plainfield.

"Two of each class of fifteen go into glove making as a sideline," this smiling, soft-spoken lady told me. "They charge from \$6 to \$10 a pair. No great skill in sewing is required. After a few hours' instruction, a sharp scissors, a thimble and \$1 worth of materials puts you in business."

If you're timid about soliciting your friends and acquaintances, locate the nearest Women's Exchange. Scattered throughout the country are thousands of these co-operative stores that handle your handmade booties or spiced pickles on a commission basis. If you

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Foundation

We built a house,
And moulded it of brick and steel and stone;
Its gabled roofs were sturdy loveliness,
And all its white facade with beauty shone.

We built a home,
And in the structure used such simple things
As love and honesty, as trusting faith,
The girded strength courageous laughter
brings.

The storms came down
And beat upon our steel-ribbed biding-place.
It fell in ruin—but o'er the rubble rose
Our home, serene, untarnished in its grace!

—Lois Snelling



member, you're never too old to learn. Dr. Nolan D. C. Lewis, director of the New York State Psychiatric Institute and Hospital, insists that a man of 65 learns more readily than a lad of 12.

Many of us require convincing. Take the blustering 70-year-old Golden Age Hobby Club member of Cleveland, Ohio. When the handicraft teacher explained the mysteries of tooling leather he growled, "You're wasting good time. You can't teach an old dog new tricks." But the teacher quietly quipped, "Aren't you glad God didn't make you a dog?" Three months later the reluctant hobbyist was having a grand time peddling his hand-tooled billfolds to exclusive men's shops.

Private and public organizations alike are awakening to the dire need of helping mature citizens learn and earn pleasantly. Thousands of hobby

How To Make Marriage Work



TEXT: "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church."—Ephesians 5:25

By MARSHALL C. DENDY

MARRIAGE concerns everybody. Except for the influence of God's power upon our lives, no other single factor has shaped us so thoroughly, or will shape our children, as the influence of our homes. To marry the right person, and to make a success of married life, is more important than vocation or length of years.

Marriage is an institution divinely established. The Bible leaves us no doubt of it. "God created man . . . male and female. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it." God's design has been in marriage since the beginning. God's blessings have been pronounced upon it.

But if we accept marriage as an institution God has ordained, we must do our best to make marriage a complete success. Specifically, there are at least two things we can do to make marriage work.

First, we can give careful and prayerful consideration to the establishment of a home. It is of the highest importance for those who have not married, those who will marry, to consider whom they may marry.

The chance meeting of two young people occurred at a social. Then two days later the man moved away from the community. Correspondence continued. Engagement and marriage followed. The girl did not know she was marrying an alcoholic, a man who was careless concerning his obligations and allergic to work. It is no wonder that the marriage resulted in failure.

One would not walk blindly into a business situation without investigating the character of the person with whom he was to enter into partnership. Yet there are those who seem to be willing

to enter haphazardly into the most important business in which any of us shall ever be engaged—the business of marriage. No one ever finds perfection of character in the person he marries, but he ought to find in that person a willingness for perfection to be created by the grace of Jesus Christ. If a man or woman is not willing for the power of God to purify, strengthen and perfect his life, that person is not ready for marriage. The gravest peril one faces in marriage is the peril of becoming bound to an individual who does not have faith in God. There are many foes to establishment of a happy home. The man or woman who is not willing to fight these foes should not marry.

Alcohol is one of the foes of marital happiness. Young people often consult with the pastor and say, "But he has promised me he is going to stop drinking." Inevitably the minister replies, "Then wait until at least a year is given for practical demonstration of that pledge to be fulfilled." The person who loves alcohol more than he loves God and his prospective partner will never make a success of marriage. With God's help this evil, or any evil, can be mastered. But if one is not willing for God to be supreme in life, the power of sin will undermine the happiness and success of a home.

STUBBORNESS is another foe of married bliss. Any man or woman who always insists upon having his or her way, who is never willing to admit an error or to change a course of conduct, builds an iron curtain through the center of the home. Marriages are jeopardized by emotional instability, by childish attitudes of those who pout or cry if they cannot have their way.

Successful marriages are hindered



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where there is a mother-complex or father-complex on the part of one in the home. The parent who monopolizes or seeks to monopolize the life or love of a child who is married is guilty of a sin against that child, against the home, and against God.

FIRST, then, we must approach marriage carefully and prayerfully. What else can we do to make marriage work? *We can understand God's purposes in marriage.*

What does God expect of those who marry? What are God's purposes for the home? Biologically, the world could be replenished with living beings even if there were no formal marriages. But marriage is for more than the repopulation of the world. God's purposes in marriage were indicated from the very first: "It is not good that the man should be alone." And it isn't! Marriage is for companionship. From the very first God intended that men and women should know the strength and inspiration of companionship. One sins against marriage, therefore, when one fails to cultivate that fellowship.

A young woman said to her minister, "My husband seldom comes home until the early hours of the morning. After work, he loafes at the filling station or runs with a crowd of men. On holidays he goes hunting or fishing, or does anything he wishes. He never takes me anywhere." It is no wonder that one of the basic purposes for marriage had been denied them both. That husband was sinning against marriage, for marriage requires companionship.

Companionship is exclusive. There is not room enough in the heart for divided affection. "I take thee, only, unto

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The Grand Canyon



is his Cathedral

Amid its rugged splendor, the pastor of the Canyon's Community Church rides muleback over winding trails to serve a parish that covers 1,009 square miles

By MIRIAM WOHL

THE preacher was the first to break the silence. "If the doctor says you're never going to be well in this climate, we'll pack up and leave."

His wife started to protest. "But, Ken, we're so happy here. The people like us. It's a fine community for the boys to grow up in. Besides, we don't know anyone in Arizona . . . ?"

"We don't, but God does," her husband replied. "Perhaps this is His way of telling us that's where He wants us to be. Let's ask Him."

The Porrays were certain that night when they prayed that God would answer them, and He did.

Some months later a car of considerable antiquity to which was attached a luggage trailer set out from the village of West Webster, N. Y., on a 2,500-mile trek across the continent. At the wheel was the Rev. Kenneth J. Porray, erstwhile pastor of the Community Methodist Church in West Webster. Beside him sat his wife, and in the back seat were their two small sons.

Their destination was the Grand Canyon, Arizona, but

not as tourists. Mr. Porray was to be the first full-time resident clergyman of the Grand Canyon Community Church. This village with a year-round population of 1,000 is within the Grand Canyon National Park territory and government regulations permit only one church for all the Protestant denominations.

Born in upper New York State, Mr. Porray was graduated from Syracuse University and Yale Divinity School. He went directly to the pastorate at New Webster, and had never traveled. His only knowledge of the Grand Canyon



Right, Pastor Porray must ride eleven miles on muleback to make parish calls in the Canyon's basin. Within his district are held the famed once-a-year broadcasts (below).

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country was acquired in an undergraduate course in geology; and the only thing he could remember when the call to Grand Canyon came was a fact calculated to make a lifelong impression on any sophomore—that it was the only place in the world where a man could stand and spit a mile!

Today, five years later, Pastor Porray is probably the best informed person in the world on the spiritual aspects of the Grand Canyon. While the number of year-round residents living in the village and on the floor of the Canyon is small, the number of visitors to the Grand Canyon is not. Every year there are 700,000 sightseers.

To many of these people seeing the majesty, the grandeur, and the sublimity of the Grand Canyon for the first time is a variety of religious experience. Carl Sandburg, looking down into the awesome depths, declared devoutly: "This is God's handiwork." That urbane and sophisticated writer-historian, Hendrik Van Loon, said on his return back East: "I went to the Grand Canyon an atheist; I left it a devout believer."

Overwhelmed by the experience, many people seek out Mr. Porray's church, the only Protestant church within sixty miles—and the guest register carries names from such far-off places as India, South Africa, Denmark, Australia, Burma, Germany, etc.

There is no church edifice. Worship services are held in the Community House, a government-owned structure that is used for all social and recreational activities in the village. This is a good substantial building, but when he first came the Eastern minister was struck by the contrast between what man had built and what God had provided outside. During the first summer of his ministry, Mr. Porray held sunrise services at the Shrine of the Ages, seven mornings a week at 6:15 a.m. Those who followed the narrow trail to this place of worship found, not a building, but a rugged cross on the rim of the Canyon. He now holds three of these sunrise services weekly in the tourist season. If the early hour discourages their attendance, they can attend sunset vespers that are held at the same place three afternoons a week.

He holds other special services during the summer months but his regular services at the Community Church in the village of Grand Canyon continue all year round—Sunday school and two Sunday worship services, one in the morning, one in the evening.

It is on the rim of the Canyon—Mr. Porray calls it "God's very own sanctuary"—that the famed Easter sunrise services take place, a program witnessed by thousands and heard by millions of radio listeners annually.

Though Mr. Porray's "real, full-time

job," he says, is to minister to the people in his parish, his duties always seem to be full of "extras." His parish proper covers 1,009 square miles. But since the nearest Protestant church is sixty miles distant, hundreds of unchurched people live outside his geographical parish. When they are in trouble, they send for him, and he does not ask whether they belong to his "congregation" or not. When Mr. Porray visits his parishioners, he really takes to the road. He is absent from home for three or four days at a time, and his mode of transportation is not exactly conventional. He rides a mule and he goes not in four directions but in five—north and south, east and west, and—down.

One fourth of his people are American Indians. He visits them in their hogans. He visits ranches so remote he may be the only visitor in six months. He calls on the lonely watchers in the fire lookout-towers, built in the midst of vast forests. He spends the night wherever he happens to be. The people he visits are delighted to have the pastor stay overnight. Theirs is the hospitality of our great Southwest, where, living in the midst of sublime wonders, man is small and lonely. Only in crowded places is man inhospitable.

NO wonder he has great affection for his "long-eared friends." It is only the mule that could take him where he wants to go. He treats them with respect and speaks of them as friends, and this creates a situation irresistible to the wit. His fellow ministers take full advantage of it. "Ken Porray," they say, "has a charge at \$3,000 a year and mule allowance." Mr. Porray himself claims the mules as pastoral assistants. "I'm very grateful to them," he says. "The mules that take tourists over the rugged and winding trails down into Grand Canyon scare more of the devil out of people in one day than I can in ten years!"

He hasn't stopped pioneering yet. Right now he is busy working out details for an interfaith chapel to be built on the rim of the Canyon. This will be known as the Shrine of the Ages Chapel, and is to be built cooperatively by Protestants and Catholics. It will be used by both (at different times) and is to have a large picture window across the front of the sanctuary so every worshiper may have an inspiring view of the Canyon.

Although Mr. Porray is only the second full-time pastor in a National Park church—the other one is at Yellowstone—this field of pioneering ministry is becoming increasingly important. The National Council of the Churches of Christ has recognized its potential by appointing a minister to make a study of the Christian ministry in our national parks.

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A story by LOIS MILLS

MRS. CAREWE awakened slowly. The late afternoon sun slanting through the shuttered window of the hospital room lighted her face lying on the pillow—a beautiful face, etched by the years with lines of strength and sweetness. Now she opened her eyes to follow the shaft of sunlight as it fell across a photograph on the table beside her bed. What was it she had been thinking . . . or was it dreaming? Something she had forgotten . . . about David . . . and Dr. Jim, and Stephanie. Oh yes, now it came back to her. This was Jim's and Stephanie's wedding anniversary. She hadn't remembered about it this morning when Dr. Jim Stewart made his usual call.

Her remembering was interrupted by voices outside her room. That warm, husky "Good evening" must be Katy, her nurse. But what were those other voices saying?

"Everyone says they're separating. Her maid told my patient's maid they had a terrific quarrel last week. You'd think she'd be proud of him—the finest surgeon in the city. They say there isn't anyone even in New York who can touch Dr. Stewart in his line."

Mrs. Carewe lay tense for a few moments, her head slightly raised, her forehead wrinkled. Then she touched the buzzer over her bed, and Katy hurried in with an eager, "Yes, Mrs. Carewe?"

"Katy, I want to telephone!" Mrs. Carewe said in a

strong, vibrant voice. Katy looked at her reproachfully. "I'm sorry, Mrs. Carewe, the doctor said 'no calls, no callers.'"

"Yes, yes, I know, but this is very important. And Dr. Stewart didn't say anything about *your* not telephoning, did he?"

Katy laughed. They'd shared many a joke since Katy got over her awe of a minister's widow. "I guess not, Mrs. Carewe. What would you like me to do?"

"Please call Dr. Stewart, Katy, and ask him to bring his wife to see me for a few minutes this evening. Then, if you'll come back here when you've made the call, there's something I want you to get from my house."

As THE early twilight fell, the white walls of the hospital room seemed to recede in the shadows, and Mrs. Carewe imagined herself in the large, cheerful living room at home. Once more she saw the coals glow in the fireplace as the small boys of her Sunday-school class knelt around it popping corn. They had been very naughty small boys on that Sunday when she, the new minister's wife, had first tried to teach them. For some of them, in the years since, doors of opportunity had opened and success, perhaps fame, had come. But now, as Mrs. Carewe lay thinking of those long-ago days, she remembered how often they had brought their



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hopes and dreams to her in that familiar room. "When I am big," . . . how many times they had said it, and she had prayed, "Bless them, bless them, may they all grow big." There had been a special little prayer in her heart for young Jim Stewart, who had known from the first that he wanted to be a doctor.

Now the hospital room was quite dark, and Mrs. Carewe turned on the bedside light. Katy should be back by now, she thought anxiously. What if Katy couldn't find the book she'd asked her to bring? Was this plan she had in mind too foolish to try? For reassurance Mrs. Carewe looked at her husband's portrait on the table beside her. "You loved Jim and Stephanie too, David. If only you were here, you would know what to do. You would know some wise and beautiful thing to say."

Katy dashed in, flushed from hurry, her dark curls flying beneath her red beret. She handed Mrs. Carewe a small, thin book, and then bent over the bed, plopping up the pillows expertly. "I found the book right away," she said. "Don't you want to put on your negligee with the real lace?"

"Thank you, lamb, for everything," Mrs. Carewe said softly, and lay smiling as Katy gently pulled her arms into the delphinium blue negligee which matched her eyes. "The night girls will take care of me now, so run along, and be happy."

"Well then, good night, Mrs. Carewe. I'll see you in the morning."

As Katy opened the door, there stood a handsome man in a dress suit, scarcely recognizable as the Dr. Stewart the hospital staff knew. Beside him was a beautiful, well-dressed woman.

Mrs. Carewe's face lighted with joy as she saw them. "Stand in the light a moment, Stephanie," she said, as they closed the door and walked toward her bed. "I want a good look at you. I believe she's even more beautiful than she was six years ago tonight, Jim—and David always said she was the loveliest bride who ever walked up the aisle of St. Luke's. Did you think I could forget your anniversary, my dear? It's like the song my little nurse Katy sings, 'With so much to remember, how could you forget?' That's true of us, isn't it? We have so much to remember."

Jim and Stephanie avoided each other's eyes as Mrs. Carewe continued. "David used to joke and say that when he tied the knot it lasted, and anyone would know it is true to look at you tonight." Stephanie moved nervously. "I shall not keep you, for I know you want to be together, but since I'll not be here much longer—" Jim raised a hand in protest. "Oh yes, I know it's true. I know you haven't said so, but I've seen it in your face. You see, when a woman loves a man, he can't ever

really fool her, can he, Stephanie?" There was a murmur from the side of the bed where Stephanie was sitting. Jim looked across at her anxiously.

Mrs. Carewe's keen old eyes filmed with tenderness, and she smiled. "I've been lying here thinking of things we can't any of us forget. I remembered how happy David and I were when you came to tell us of your engagement. Then I remembered that terrible day when you sailed for France, Jim, with your hospital unit, and how brave you were, Stephanie. And your letters, Jim—we just wore them to shreds! And the boxes we sent you! The scarves I knitted would have stilled a giraffe!"

Stephanie's laugh was choked as she said, "I never did learn how to turn a heel in a sock."

"And do you remember, Stephanie, how we used to sit on the window seat, knitting, while I warned you about the difficult life the wife of a doctor or a minister must lead, and each of us was thinking, 'I wouldn't choose anything else,' and 'if he only comes back, nothing matters.'" Jim's hand clenched suddenly. "And you did come back, Jim—we'll never forget that day, will we? Then your wedding, how beautiful it was!"

THE thread of her voice broke, then it went on strong and warm. "When you came back from the honeymoon, what fun you had hanging curtains and listening for the doorbell which just might mean a patient instead of a peddler." The two laughed with her. "And the children, precious Jim and Judy! Remember how young Jim kicked at his christening? Almost fell off the pillow! And the time Judy had pneumonia, and all the good people who said special prayers for her. Is Judy going to be as pretty as her mother, Jim?"

"Not quite." Jim looked across at Stephanie.

Mrs. Carewe hesitated, and nervously stroked the coverlet. "But I mustn't keep you any longer, tonight of all nights when you want just each other. After I'm gone there are some little things I mean you and the children to have. But I wanted especially to tell you about this old book, and give it to you myself." Tenderly she picked up the thin blue book from the bedside table and handed it to Stephanie.

Stephanie's hands trembled as she took it and read the faded, scholar's letters on the flyleaf, "To my beloved, from David, June 24th, 1890."

As Stephanie raised inquiring eyes, Mrs. Carewe nodded. "That was our wedding day, and each year we used to read them aloud on our anniversary."

"What is it, Stephanie?" Jim asked. Silently she handed the book to him. It was one they had read often in those

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days which seemed more real tonight than these hectic, hurried ones.

"Sonnets From the Portuguese," Jim read the title, and eagerly opened the book. "Remember the first time we read them—that day we climbed Mt. Rapanock?"

"Yes, and it began to rain on our way down, and we stopped at that funny little inn and had scones and strawberry jam before the fire!"

Mrs. Carewe smiled happily, a little wearily. She had started the chain of remembering; they couldn't break it now. "I'd like to hear just one of them again, before you go," she said. "It's the one where the book mark is, Jim."

As Jim leaned toward the shaded lamp, Stephanie sat in shadow, as if she would mask her face. Jim's voice, cherishing each word, read softly:

*Let the world's sharpness, like a
clasping knife,
Shut in upon itself and do no harm
In this close hand of Love, now soft
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And let us hear no sound of human
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After the click of the shutting. Life
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God only, who made us rich, can
make us poor.*

Jim looked across the bed at Stephanie, a longing in his eyes. She looked at him tenderly and her lips parted in a tremulous smile.

Mrs. Carewe's voice was just a whisper as she said, "Thank you, my dears, for giving me this evening. God grant you many happy years together."

Stephanie bent to kiss the wrinkled hand with its worn wedding band of gold, and said quietly, her eyes misty, "Thank you, darling, thank you."

Jim and Stephanie, hand in hand, turned in the doorway for a last look at this dear friend. Mrs. Carewe waved farewell, like one who starts upon a long anticipated journey. Then the door swung closed with a firm finality.

Mrs. Carewe was very tired. She gazed for a long moment at the framed photograph on the table beside the bed, then her eyes drooped wearily. "Good night, David," she murmured. "The knot was all right. It just needed a bit of a pull." THE END



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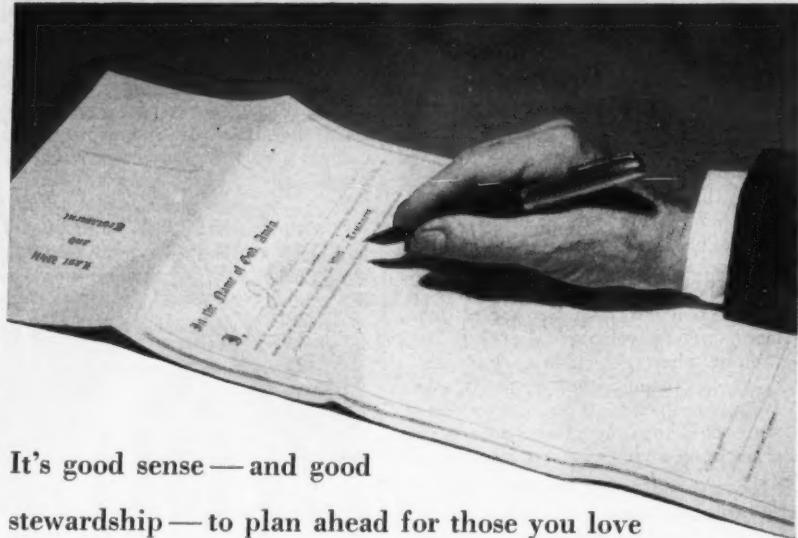
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It's good sense—and good stewardship—to plan ahead for those you love

Where There's a Will

By ROY L. SMITH

DON'T talk to me about making a will. It gives me the creeps.

She was a bright-eyed young business woman, with a few thousand well-invested dollars. Her employer had given her excellent advice at that point and she had been sensible in following his counsel.

She seemed to be in perfect health, she had no dependents, and the idea of bequeathing her small holdings was the thought farthest from her mind.

Then came the automobile accident which broke up all her plans by sending her first to the hospital and then to a wheel chair. The insurance policy she carried covered the major part of the expense, so that her savings were left practically untouched. But the long hours of convalescence gave her an abundant opportunity to think. One day she said to her pastor, "I guess you were right about that matter of the will. I have done a good deal of thinking about what would have happened to my savings if that car had swung just one more inch to the right."

There may have been a time when the average individual could go on blithely supposing that nothing would interfere with well-laid plans for a long life. But with traffic accidents striking down thousands of our citizens every day—with no regard for their age—it has become the plain duty of every adult citizen to have a will. It has also become one of the first duties of any person living alone to leave instructions

as to how any possessions are to be distributed after death.

There is a witticism which says, "Where there's a will there's a lawyer." But there is bitter realism in the phrase, "Where there's no will there's nothing left."

Except in those cases in which a considerable estate is involved, the expense of drawing a will is relatively small. Any competent lawyer can do it in the space of a few hours. It usually happens that a thirty-minute conference is all that is required of the client, and the mental relief which follows is worth many times the small amount of money and effort invested.

Any person who has been thrifty enough to bring together a few thousand dollars is interested in seeing that money spent wisely. To go to great pains to economize during one's lifetime, and then to allow the funds thus accumulated to be dissipated by strangers, is neither wise nor faithful management.

There was the case of the widow of a more than usually successful industrialist who came into possession of a fortune somewhat in excess of a quarter of a million dollars on the occasion of the death of her husband. She had always lived a sheltered life, with her husband making all the business decisions. Because they had always been wise decisions she had never troubled her head about business matters.

His death, after an illness of several

weeks, came as a terrible shock. She felt herself quite unprepared to undertake so "complicated" a matter as making a will, in spite of the fact that her estate had been carefully guarded for her by an excellent document prepared by her husband.

The general business situation resulted in generous profits on the investments he had made, and she soon found herself quite engulfed in business details with which she was altogether unfamiliar. Trusted friends of her husband, among them some of his aforesome associates in the firm, gave her good advice with the result that her fortune began to grow rapidly. She never knew quite how much her holdings were worth, but she expressed the belief to an intimate friend that she was nearing the million mark.

Her natural interests in the church, and her husband's prominence in church affairs, inspired the idea of a "memorial" which was to take the form of a chapel. The plans were agreed upon. Arrangements were almost complete for beginning the construction of the building, when she died very unexpectedly while alone in her home.

Upon investigation it was discovered she had left no will; the court was under the necessity of distributing the estate according to the laws of the commonwealth. The fortune, very ample by this time, went to distant relatives with whom she had little more than a speaking acquaintance. In the final settlement the court awarded a portion of the original sum agreed upon to the church, the basis of the award being the name of the deceased husband which had been carved into a stone which was to be used in the arch over the entrance. The judge held this was sufficient "evidence of intent" to justify the assignment of the funds.

EXCEPT for the accident of that stone having been made ready in advance, the well-known wishes of the man and wife would have been ignored. There was no provision in the law by which it could have been otherwise.

Or consider the office secretary who had inherited a small amount of property from her parents, to which she had added some few thousands of dollars by her own savings. Being compelled to quit work because of ill health she lived quite to herself in an old rambling house. One day the neighbors became alarmed over not having seen her about the yard for two or three days, and phoned to the church to which she belonged. When the church visitor arrived, the sick girl was found dead in her bed. A penciled note on the little bedside table stated, "I want everything I have to go to my church."

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court it was established that it was in her handwriting. The judge announced that he was convinced it had been her desire to see her estate transferred to the church which had been her friend through many years. But because the note was neither dated nor signed, he was helpless. And a distant relative, who admitted she had never seen the deceased, had had no contact whatsoever, returned to her home in a foreign land with something more than \$30,000 cash. In the opinion of everyone who knew anything about the circumstances, the desires of the young woman had been completely defeated.

A woman of some means remarried, after a number of years of widowhood. The estate left her by her first husband was capable of providing for her on a generous basis, but she was the mother of four children who had rights also. During a quiet moment following the ceremony, the bride called the officiating clergyman aside and said, "I am going to ask you to witness this paper for me, in addition to the wedding certificate." It was a new will, drawn up by her attorney, providing for the distribution of her estate on the basis of her new marital state. It was an extremely wise thing to do, for the wedding journey held certain hazards, and extremely serious complications could have ensued had there been an accident resulting in death.

In one particularly distressing situation a man and his wife were killed in an automobile accident on the highway. It became impossible to determine which of the two had died first. Upon that question hinged the problem of how the estate was to be divided, for each was the parent of children by earlier marriages. Dividing the estate, amounting to several hundred thousand dollars, dragged through the courts for many months, with a huge bill for attorneys' fees and other costs piling up meanwhile. No will!

One widow, finding she could not enter her husband's vault at the bank because she lacked the proper authorization, was compelled to wait many months until the necessary court orders had been obtained. In the meantime, the estate could not be closed, she became embarrassed, and expenses piled up needlessly. A will would have prevented the delay.

But not even a will provides necessarily permanent safeguards. Codes governing the transfer of property vary widely from state to state. It is of great importance, therefore, that a competent attorney be engaged to go over all wills and related papers, in the case of a transfer of residence from one state to another. A will that is perfectly legal and acceptable in the courts of one state may be irregular and unacceptable in another state. A young

widow who had come into possession of a modest sum of money through the death of her husband, executed a will within the space of thirty days following his decease. A few months later she moved to another state. There she discovered that the individual she had named as executor of her estate could not serve because he was not a resident of the state, as that state's law required. It became necessary, therefore, to redraw the will and name an executor who could qualify under the laws of the state in which she then lived.

If you change your mind, it is easy enough to adjust your will to fit. But changes or additions, known as codicils, should be written under capable direction.

A school teacher in California, who had exercised shrewd judgment in buying and selling real-estate, accumulated a fortune in excess of a quarter of a million dollars. Under the counsel and advice of an attorney she had drawn up a will which made provision for distributing her property in the event of her death. Then one day she wrote by her own hand a codicil to be attached to her will, which altered some of the provisions originally made. Some months later she made out an additional codicil, which was a procedure legally recognized in the state of California.

Five days following a seventh codicil's dating, she was found dead in her apartment, and the process of distributing her estate became the next order of business. It might have been a simple matter, except for the fact that the California law makes specific provisions in the case of bequests to charitable and philanthropic organizations, and one of the codicils came under this restriction. As a consequence eleven institutions, each with its own legal staff, entered the picture, and the total legal expenses mounted astronomically.

ANY Christian who has maintained an interest in the church and its various enterprises, should give careful thought to the needs of the church of which he is a member when he comes to making out a will. *But it is of the utmost importance that precise legal designations shall be written into the document.* In one instance, the Women's Missionary Society of a certain denomination nearly lost a bequest amounting to more than \$10,000 because the official name of the organization was improperly entered in the will.

The Christian's stewardship of property does not end with its accumulation and immediate management. It is as important that we shall manage it well after our death as during our life.

Where there's a will there is continuing management. And *that* is good stewardship.

THE END

BLOSSOMS, BRIDES AND BLIZZARDS

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flowering crab tree. They have now issued what they call a limited edition of one thousand trees for sale. Mine is number 301. It has been planted so we can see it from the big south window. In blossomtime it produces white flowers of no special significance. But in the autumn the fruit is superb and cascades red along the drooping boughs. It is called Red Jade and since April it has been the center of interest. First the arrival and the planting, then the wondering if it would flower, and now the looking ahead to summer's end and scarlet fruit.

Looking ahead is what keeps anyone spiritually alive. For instance, I forgot to tell you about my Easter present: another tree, a holly that is eight feet high. I so regretted having to leave the beautiful tree when we went away from the other place. It grew slowly and after many years had passed, it amazed everyone by producing berries.

I also regretted leaving the weeping cherries but was determined not to buy any for this property. A little girl, however, who happened to be born on my birthday (but fortuitously for her, more than fifty years later,) sent me a little tree. It is now firmly rooted and bears a fragile pink load of blossoms.

Still, I wish that the spring flowering of shrub and tree could extend into summer. Summer brings no flowering trees except the Rose of Sharon and the catalpa. Our Rose of Sharon is a neglected shrub; it must be very old. As for the catalpa, it was cut down by the wind and ice this past season.

But Nature's way, which is God's, is the right way. Brief spring and gorgeous flower, and then the green leaf and the slow building of fruit for man or bird. There is nothing to do but wait for the breaking bloom, enjoy it for as long as it lasts, and go with the season into the lazy depths of summer and wait again for the appearance of the fruit and the bounteous harvest.

This month, June, is traditionally the month of brides, which seems quite fitting—a stepping from spring into early summer. In our family, tradition has not always held. I was married in November, and before Christmas I sailed away into a sub-tropical country; hence, also into summer.

My older daughter selected June for her wedding. I recall it as one of the loveliest days I have ever known, neither too warm nor too chill. She was married in the chapel of her school some miles distant. She chose her own music, which was beautiful. There were present in the little chapel only members of her family and the family of the boy she married, and a few people

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from the school, which was closed for the summer. Some of the day-pupils lived nearby and came in their little white robes to ring the chapel bells and light the candles. This is the chapel where the school worships night and morning. The rafters bear in faded gold the names of the graduates. It is a very small structure, standing apart, and on this day we left the doors wide open. During the ceremony I could hear the birds singing.

My older son was married in a big church in September. That too was a small wedding, and there was a sharp bite in the clear evening air. Last January my only niece was married, also in the city. It was a cold, windy, clear day. This was a very big church wedding, and the bride, a very little girl, was just past eighteen. The flower girl, who was five, looked enough like her to be her sister instead of her niece.

That too was a beautiful wedding and it occurred to me that, June or January, every month is a bride's month. All weddings are lovely, and each bride is more beautiful than the last.

Just before the start of spring this year I was on a television panel which, occasionally, I invade. It is an interesting one, for upon it five generations are represented. The same questions are asked of us all, and we must answer them. The varying viewpoints are, I think, of some significance. The youngest panel member can be anywhere from seven to nine, the oldest, from eighty to ninety. It is sobering to reflect, after sitting in a time or two, that only the very young and old seem to see things as black or white, with no intermediate shades, and are able to answer with a simple unqualified "yes" or "no." Those of us in the middle groups are much more likely to say "if," "or," "but," "perhaps" or "maybe."

One of the questions asked was what advice each of us would give a young couple about to be married. Television time is valuable and the answers, however spontaneous, have to be brief. There are five of us to reply and, if time permits, to argue among ourselves. I daresay I could have gone on for hours advising a prospective bride and groom.

As I recall my scant reply, it was to the effect that a happy marriage has to be built. This is hardly a new idea. We all know that the foundation is, or should be, love. But sometimes we don't know our building materials. I said, and believe, that you build not a home, but a fortress. It's slow work. Some of the material you may already possess if you're lucky. Some, you have to create. And, I daresay, the principal ingredients are trust, loyalty, patience, and a leaven of humor.

Now that I am able to enlarge upon

the subject in this month of brides, I would add as an ingredient unselfishness, also having much in common. This doesn't necessarily mean cultural tastes. I know happy folks who like very different cultural things. Let us say, he likes modern music, she prefers classics. Or he likes mysteries, and she enjoys biography or historical romances. He is charmed by art, in any form, and she is not. You could go on making lists indefinitely. These differences of personal taste loom large sometimes but can be easily resolved if each is willing to concede to the other, and even try to understand.

If an engaged couple seeks advice it is too late to tell them that an approximately similar education and background is helpful in marriage. They are already engaged and cannot alter their original environments and opportunities. Absolutely essential, I believe, to a happy marriage is firm religious faith. Thousands of people have, of course, found that they, in their little household, are alone in their belief in God. But those who know that it is shared, and who together turn to the Source of all aid and consolation are building a fortress which will be impregnable.

All this I would tell the imaginary young couple, knowing that, in common with us all, they must work out their problems themselves, for better or worse.

So now in June, happy is the bride the sun shines on, and even if it rains, happy is the bride.

YOU may be wondering what blizzards have to do with brides and blossoms. Nothing, of course. June is not the month for unusual belated snow. But this particular spring reminds me of blizzards and other unpleasant manifestations of climate, merely because the ice storm of last January left so harsh a mark upon shrub and tree. As I have said before, the scars are soon covered by the leafing branches. If you look closely you see that some branches are no longer there and that despite its brave show, a tree is maimed. Here and there are stumps to remind us of something forever lost, something which took ten, twenty, fifty or even a hundred years to grow. Then, in a single night, or a moment, it was gone—like man himself.

Looking back, I reflect with gratitude on the little gasoline-operated generator in the cellar. This was installed when we moved, aware that our artesian water was pumped direct, and that we had only one furnace, an oil burner. In the former house we had a thousand-gallon tank for water storage and a second furnace, which burned coal. Two women alone lead a precarious sort of existence in stormy weather,

so in went the generator. It works like an outboard motor, with a cord to start it humming; it is, I might say, a busy, noisy little gadget. But it's a noise you like to hear when all public utilities are shut off, and you know you have heat, water, refrigeration and even emergency lights.

I recall sitting by the window, listening to the hum in the dark, for I didn't need light at the moment. Suddenly the lights came on one by one in the other houses. I realized that the power was on, and our generator could be silenced again. It was an eerie sensation to watch the light appear. Some people had had their porch lights on when, forty-eight hours earlier, the power had been shut off. Now they appeared again, as brave a sight as you could imagine.

Those of us who had generators were fortunate, and in our situation, with a very bad case of flu in the house, we were doubly so. I couldn't hold with those people who cried what fun it was to huddle together in one room over an oil stove, cook on an open fireplace and read by lamplight. I have absolutely no desire to become a pioneer! My younger son, mercifully home that week end and an efficient generator-sitter, infuriated me by inquiring if I didn't recall the pioneer days. I replied that I had not come over

on the *Mayflower* nor ever trekked across our land via covered wagon. He also refers to my girlhood as "the olden days," a term which makes me think of King Arthur and the Round Table.

But the generator, during the time it functioned, and now, every month when it is checked and turned over, set me thinking about matters not associated with the common blessings of light, heat and water.

EACH of us has, at his command, a generator which functions, if we call upon it, in times of darkness. None escapes black hours, whether they be caused by fear, anxiety, grief, regret or frustration—hours not only of darkness but of bitter cold, though the calendar may stand at June. You know the kind of cold I mean. It can even be communicated physically to the person experiencing it, a deadly chill creeping upward to the heart.

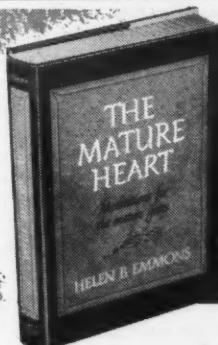
This generator is, of course, faith. It is prayer. Many of us have learned to rely upon it in good times as well as in bad, in the everyday course of living. It is there to reinforce our power of courage and hope. In bad times it generates. Everything may appear lost and hopeless. We haven't an ounce of courage with which to press onward nor a ray of hope to warm the shivering heart. But once we manage to start the

generator, warmth flows back and with it comes all the courage we need.

June or January, year round, each of us possesses this marvelous source of strength. Some have learned more easily how to draw upon it. Others come to knowledge slowly and painfully. But it is there, no matter what has fallen or betides—whether a crisis in the private domestic circle or one which threatens all mankind.

The sorrows of men are multiple. Disaster comes in the night, sometimes through a man's own deed, sometimes falling upon the guiltless. The hidden strength is geared to function in any emergency. I believe that, like the mechanical generator in my cellar, it should be kept in use, turned over, as the phrase goes, in time of smooth going. The impulse to pray is not one which should be kept for Sundays or time of trouble. It is an everyday tonic and strengthener. Like any faculty, whether of imagination or muscle, it grows stronger with exercise. Then, when darkness falls and the lethal cold begins to claw with icy fingers at the frightened heart, it is so easy to start the all-powerful engine and feel hope and courage flowing back again.

Reliance upon prayer and a turning to God, is not a matter of the calendar nor the immediate situation. It is always. It is forever. *It is now.* END



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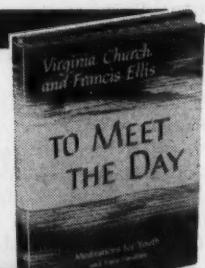
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Monday, June 1

READ ISAIAH 35:1, 2

Rise up, O men of God, . . . to serve the King of kings.

—WILLIAM PIERSON MERRILL

WITH June comes the fragrance and beauty of roses. The sad truth is that June brings roses in such an abundance that along about the middle of the month we proceed to take roses for granted. It seems incredible, for when roses are selling at the rate of five dollars a dozen we frequently declare that their color and perfume are so exquisite as to intrigue our imagination forever. Life with its many lovely and important blessings possesses, like roses, an intrinsic value, and blessed are they who find and keep it.

Gracious Father, look with mercy upon us and teach us Thy way, truth, and life, lest we fall into sin and error.

Tuesday, June 2

READ ROMANS 12:14-18

Lift high the cross of Christ! Tread where His feet have trod.

—WILLIAM PIERSON MERRILL

MONICA SONE, born in America of Japanese parents, says in her book "Nisei Daughter," that she used to feel like a two-headed monstrosity. Now, however, she has concluded that two heads are better than one, and with the conclusion has come peace of mind. Her book is the story of the mental anguish and physical hardships through which she and her family went in the hectic days after Pearl Harbor. The significance of her book lies in the fact that she found tolerance and happiness, by overcoming evil with good.

Help us, Lord Jesus, to understand Thy will for us. Give us new eyes to read Thy gospel, new ears to catch the meaning of Thy words. Amen.

Wednesday, June 3

READ LUKE 6:43-45

My soul, be on thy guard . . . the battle ne'er give o'er.—GEORGE HEATH

SO FREQUENTLY we are tempted to live life "out of character." Like little children we spend our days in "pre-

tending" and "make believe," and the result is pure sham. Frederick L. Allen in "The Big Change" tells how in 1900 America seemed carried away by "the vain pretensions of life." People expended vast sums building houses resembling medieval castles when it was no longer necessary to live in castles. By imitating the glories of past generations they lay waste their powers.

Thou, Lord, art holy, just, and good, and we have learned through tribulation and sorrow that only they shall stand before Thee who have clean hands and pure hearts. Amen.

Thursday, June 4

READ JOHN 7:24

Ne'er think the victory won . . . till thou obtain the crown.—GEORGE HEATH

LAST WINTER Pete, the oldest hippo in captivity, died. His death notices made headlines in most of the New York newspapers. Why? Well, one reason lies in the fact that Pete was not notable for his good looks. But despite his ugliness people, young and old alike, loved him because he responded to their approaches. "When he opened his several cubic feet of pink mouth to receive a tossed peanut the shrieks of glee that filled the building were marvelous to hear," wrote one editor. Thus it's what we do with what we are and have that counts!

Dear Lord, turn our minds from distracting cares and selfish interests, and show us how to serve one another and thus abound with blessing and gladness in Thy Name. Amen.

Friday, June 5

READ MATTHEW 6:19-21

Thro' days of preparation Thy grace has made us strong.—ERNEST W. SHURTLEFF

WHEN Joseph Stalin died we were given a firsthand example of the meaning of Jesus' riddle, "So the last will be first, and the first last." Briefly, it means this: no matter how great a ruler Stalin was, whether good or bad, in his dying he carried nothing away, and he did not carry with him the glory of his tem-

poral power. As Alexander the Great said on his death-bed, "In this matter [of dying] the poorest beggar and I are at length upon equal terms." But if we have the "riches of God," then blessed are we.

We pause, O God, to praise Thee for every source of inspiration and comfort, for the helpfulness of those who care, and for the grace of Christ.

Saturday, June 6

READ ACTS 14:16, 17

With deeds of love and mercy the heavenly kingdom comes.

—ERNEST W. SHURTLEFF

IT DOESN'T require any announcement from me to inform you that this earth is a place of paradox and contradiction. "It never rains but it pours," runs an old proverb. This proverb is by no means limited to the downpours of rain that flood our rivers and overflow our fields and towns. It applies to any excess in our manifold experiences of life. Generally we regard too much of anything as bad, and perhaps our judgment is correct, but we overlook the Providence that is able to supply our needs. God truly is at work.

Thou, Lord, art full of majesty and power, Thy ways past finding out. Yet Thou rememberest us in time of need; we rejoice in Thy loving-kindness.

Sunday, June 7

READ ISAIAH 11:6

THE STORY is told of how a wealthy banker was converted. It was not as a result of eloquent evangelistic preaching, but because his little girl climbed on his knee one evening, pushed aside the paper, took his face between her little hands and asked, "Daddy, why don't you love Jesus?" "So you see," he explained afterwards, "when my own little daughter turned preacher—that was something else. I just couldn't say 'No.'" Very often God has resorted to the strategy, "A little child shall lead them," and with blessing.

We bow before Thee, O Lord, in humility of heart, conscious of Thy

holy purpose of love, and mindful of our weakness and need. Cleanse and redeem us in Christ's Name. Amen.

Monday, June 8

READ II TIMOTHY 2:15, 16

O Thou whose call our hearts has stirred, to do Thy will we come.

—SAMUEL LONGFELLOW

IN A profound sense what is happening in Nature during these warm June days is taking place also in human nature on many a high school and college platform. It is "commencement" season, and it means literally that young people are stepping out from classrooms and study halls as "budding leaders" in tomorrow's world. We are inclined to think of them as "young blades" and "striplings" but we must pause long enough to reflect that they constitute the "crop" from which life's harvest will be made, the increase of which is in God's hands.

Grant, dear Father, that we may have faith to plant and till the fields of Thy vineyard, knowing that Thou wilt bring the increase according to Thy riches in Christ. Amen.

Tuesday, June 9

READ GALATIANS 6:2-5

Now, O Lord, this very hour, send Thy grace and show Thy power.

—ALEXANDER CLARK

ARTHUR HUGH CLOUGH was one of our distinguished poets. Notwithstanding his literary pursuits he is reported to have spent many hours wrapping and mailing brown paper parcels for Florence Nightingale. Perhaps we shall read his poetry with greater understanding once we know his deep and earnest concern for the success of such ministry to the sick and dying. So it will be with others, that once we see how they live, what they do in addition to their major interests, we shall see them for what they are.

Enable us, O Master, to appropriate those gifts of the Spirit that will work in us blessing and strength: patience, love, forgiveness, gentleness, peace, goodness. Amen.

Wednesday, June 10

READ MATTHEW 19:28-30

Prayer is the soul's sincere desire, unuttered or expressed.—JAMES MONTGOMERY

WHAT fools we mortals be! In Allen's book, "The Big Change," he tells of the era of Newport's extravagance at the turn of the century when Mr. Belmont "imported Chinese artisans to construct a red and gold lacquer tea house on the cliffs at Marble House. The structure was gorgeous and authentic, but contained no provision for making tea." It reminds one of Jesus'



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O God, we would see Jesus, so that Thy love may be more fully known, and we may walk more trustingly in the light of Thy infinite purpose for us.

Thursday, June 11

READ MATTHEW 5:14-16

Mercy now, O Lord, I plead in this hour of utter need.—ALEXANDER CLARK

DURING the tugboat strike last winter many great ships were compelled to dock under their own steam. The papers carried the picture one day of the Ile de France, a 43,000-ton liner, working her way toward the ship's berth at Pier 84 on the Hudson River and being guided by a mere rowboat. It was an unbelievable accomplishment, and it deserves mention far and wide because it highlights what tremendous influence each of us can exert, if we want to. Jesus had the same thought in mind: "Let your light so shine!"

Lord, teach us to see that Thou wilt enlarge our power and usefulness if we will yield ourselves to Thee. Give us faith to believe and zeal to serve in Thy Name. Amen.

Friday, June 12

READ PSALM 1

O teach me from my heart to say, "Thy will be done!"—CHARLOTTE ELLIOTT

IT SEEMED a long time after the roar about crime and corruption in so many phases of life in America before a concerted, dynamic movement got under way in behalf of civic righteousness. Thanks to Bishop Donegan's leadership in the Episcopal diocese in New York, we are seeing the first hopeful strides of an interfaith movement. All of us need to help, and we can help in such simple but effective ways as: organizing groups for study and action, registering and voting for decent laws and officials, and praying.

Father, forgive us if we have grown lax and inattentive to human needs and divine burdens. Give us hard work to do and show us the way to truth and righteousness. Amen.

Saturday, June 13

READ MATTHEW 10:14

Teach me, my God and King, in all things Thee to see.—GEORGE HERBERT

WHILE most of us here in America are being deluged by summer showers of one sort or another, it may surprise you to be reminded that in Palestine the people are in the grip of the long drought. About now the ground will

be so dry that it will have turned to dust in the paths and byways, dust so thick that it is easily lifted into clouds and quickly fills the air and penetrates fast-closed doors. Any wayfarer, you may be sure, had real dust to "shake off" at the journey's end, as well as other unpleasant trials and memories!

Lord, enable us to see ourselves in the midst of life's ebb and flow as fixed on the Rock of Thy goodness and mercy, rooted and grounded in Thy truth and love. Amen.

Sunday, June 14

READ JOHN 6:31-34

In all I do be Thou the way, in all be Thou the end.—GEORGE HERBERT

EXPERIMENTS are now under way to show what human brain cells use for food to produce the impulses which govern physical action. University of California medical researchers are making these tests in an effort to discover whether it will be possible some day to regulate human brain activity by dietary means. Of course we have known for a long, long time that if we want to survive as living souls we shall need to partake of "the true bread of heaven."

As of old, Lord, we cry, "Give us this bread," for we want to live, not merely for today but with Thee eternally. Impart to us Thy life and truth. Amen.

Monday, June 15

READ PSALM 23:4-6

*I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless.
—HENRY F. LYTE*

FORMER Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes had lived long enough and seen death at close enough range to be undismayed. "Why should I fear death?" he remarked to his secretary a few weeks before his passing. "I have seen him often. When he comes he will seem like an old friend." He went on to say that if the Lord should tell him his time was up, he would say, "All right, Lord, but I'm sorry you can't make it longer." Then he added, "If I were dying my last words would be: Have faith and pursue the unknown end."

Lord, give us such a faith that we shall not be anxious when our last hour comes. Teach us to look beyond the shadows of earth to the light of eternity. Amen.

Tuesday, June 16

READ MATTHEW 15:7-11

I would be true for there are those who trust me.—HOWARD ARNOLD WALTER

IN FREDERICK L. ALLEN'S "The Big Change" he reveals some of the



"KITTY, DO YOU MIND BEING POOR?"

THE 9-year-olds were merrily hiking back to the big, green campus of "Mont Lawn." They had been up on the mountain for a cookout, rowdy, lovable youngsters from the city slums, eyes wide with wonder at the beauty and bigness of God's outdoors.

In the friendly freedom of "Mont Lawn," the Christian Herald Children's Home in the country, they shouted their way up the hill and then down again.

But suddenly there was silence. The boys drew together, looked down. As they looked, their eyes softened and the tough-little-rough-boy tightness at the corners of their mouths disappeared in gentle smiles.

For they had found three abandoned kittens.

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unlovely sham and pretense that blighted Christian ideals and practices in America around 1900. He describes how the rich imitated the culture and refinements of Renaissance Europe without possessing the love of truth, beauty, and goodness. There was, for example, Henry C. Frick, steel magnate, "in his palace, seated on a Renaissance throne and holding in his little hand a copy of the 'Saturday Evening Post.' It is of course always fatal to try merely to *imitate* greatness in any form.

Lord, help us to see that Thou dost require us to be great by doing justly, loving mercy, and walking humbly before Thee. Save us from false choices and from lives that are only empty sham. Amen.

Wednesday, June 17

READ JOHN 11:24, 25

As laborers in Thy vineyard, send us, O Christ, to be.—JOHN S. B. MONSELL

IN January the papers carried the fascinating story of a man who "died" twice. An undertaker, preparing to embalm this eighty-year-old man, whose death certificate had been properly signed by a physician, noticed "a flicker of his eye." As a result, the man was treated on the spot and removed to a nearby hospital. However, the man failed to rally and finally died. The incident reminds us of the profoundly sublime words of Jesus, "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live."

Thou Lord of life and Victor over death, impart to us the swift and solemn trust of life and teach us that the time for serving Thee is always present. Bless us for Thy sake, we pray. Amen.

Thursday, June 18

READ LUKE 9:23-25

O for a heart to praise my God, a heart from sin set free.—CHARLES WESLEY

NO DOUBT the mother of the young man slated to inherit a three-million-dollar oleomargarine fortune has sorely regretted that she lavished extravagant sums of money on her son instead of teaching him the discipline of self-denial and hardship. Now that he has been convicted for his evil-doing it is of course too late to lament that life was made too easy and its circumstances too friendly. In one way or another we learn "the hard way" that the way of self-denial "for Christ's sake and the gospel's" brings us at last victory and peace.

Take us, dear Master, with all our heartaches and burdens and exalt us in faith, hope, and love for Thy Name's sake. Amen.

Friday, June 19

READ HEBREWS 10:35-39

There is a land of pure delight where saints immortal reign.—ISAAC WATTS

ONE OF the most vivid memories of our sojourn in Palestine had to do with our last day on Palestinian soil. We had gone down from Jerusalem to Joppa to catch the train for Alexandria, and stayed at Joppa overnight in a pension by the sea. It was in many respects a sad experience, for we were leaving behind some dear friends as well as the scenes made memorable by our Lord in His earthly ministry. But mingled with sadness there was joy—joy in the hope of witnessing to the power of the Gospel. The joy remains.

Gracious Father, Thou art the joy of loving hearts and in all life's woe and sorrow Thou art able to bestow peace within and to give us victory in Christ. Amen.

Saturday, June 20

READ EPHESIANS 3:8-10

When I'm tempted to do wrong, make me steadfast, wise, and strong.

—JOHN P. HOPPS

HIGH SCHOOL students in Woodruff, Wis., undertook a novel assignment several months ago and were well on the way to completing it. They wanted to see what 1,000,000 of "something" looked like, so their instructor suggested a "million penny arcade." At a rate of sixteen pennies to an inch, 1,000,000 stacked atop one another would tower almost a mile. The students had collected half a mile of pennies at the time the newspapers were writing about their effort, or about \$5,300. A good sum indeed, but nothing beside "the unsearchable riches" of God in Christ.

Lord, make us rich in the things of the Spirit and fill us with the resolve to lay up our treasures in Heaven. Save us from greed and lust, and redeem us. Amen.

Sunday, June 21

READ PSALM 37:1, 23-25

WHEN former Chief Justice Charles Evans Hughes attained the ripe age of eighty-five, he said, "The only reason I have lived so long is because I have never been absorbed in the past. Instead of brooding over disappointments, I have pushed what is done out of my mind and gone on to new activities." He was following the rule well expounded in the New Testament as well as in Psalm 37. Jesus said, "Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself." The forward look in faith!

Grant, Lord, that with our imperfect vision and limited understanding we

may know that Thou dost seek our good. Lead us from day to day and give us peace. Amen.

Monday, June 22

READ PSALM 139:10-12

The light and darkness are of God's disposing.—PETRUS HERBERT

THIS is the longest day of the year, but when we say this we do not mean it has more than twenty-four hours in it; we merely mean that it has more daylight and less darkness than any other day of the year. And yet, can we truly say this? Doubtless with many people it may be a day of evil bodings and gross darkness with scarcely a ray of light to break asunder its night. And when we have said this, we cannot be entirely sure but what the darkness is only in us and that with God it is as the light of eternal day.

Thou, O God of light and hope and peace, teach us to trust Thee in all things and to understand that the day and night are both alike to Thee. Bless us for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Tuesday, June 23

READ JOHN 8:32

New occasions teach new duties, time makes ancient good uncouth.

—JAMES RUSSELL LOWELL

IN "Medical Milestones" Dr. Henry J. L. Marriott takes time to discuss the importance of soil in the problem of raising the kind of foodstuffs that will impart vitality and health to the human body. He suggests that health may be more a matter of food than of medicine. "This sounds like heresy," he declares, "so it may be worth recalling the words of Sebastian Franck, 'heretic is a title of honor, for truth always starts by being called heresy.'" What matters that, if in the end it sets us free and gives us light and life?

Lord, give us the courage to be brave. Help us to know that Thou art God and that there is none beside Thee. Deliver us from fear, we pray, and give us more complete understanding. Amen.

Wednesday, June 24

READ EPHESIANS 4:30-32

Obey, thou restless heart, be still and wait in cheerful hope.—GEORG NEUMARK

J. G. RANDALL in "Midstream" tells how an editor of a small weekly newspaper once called at the White House and informed Lincoln that he had been the first to suggest Lincoln's nomination for the Presidency. He tagged along when Lincoln, seeking to escape, went to see Stanton. At the door the President said, "I shall have to see Mr. Stanton alone, and you must excuse me." Then bidding him farewell, he

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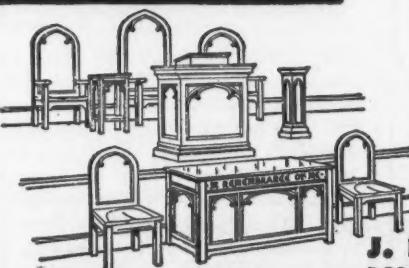
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We cannot comprehend a great many things, O Lord, that befall us, but we can trust and not be afraid. Give us brave hearts by faith in Christ. Amen.

Thursday, June 25

READ PHILIPPIANS 4:10-13

Grant that I may ever cast my care on Thee.—JAMES MONTGOMERY

IF THE world is at sixes and sevens today there is one land where this state of tension and trial is and has been for centuries a foregone conclusion: Palestine. Perhaps by the very circumstances of geography and history it was destined to gather unto itself the agony and disillusionment of the ages. How strange that it was to this small country that the Son of God was sent, and that above the raucous din and turmoil His voice should sound, with echoes still reverberating around the world, saying, "Peace! be still!"

Lord Jesus, even as long ago Thou didst speak the words that calmed the fury of the sea, so speak again, and deliver me. Amen.

Friday, June 26

READ MATTHEW 19:29, 30

PERHAPS you saw the story in the papers several months ago of the first telephone conversation between Korea and America. It was not carried on between generals or important men of affairs, but between a private from New York and his mother. The mother said afterwards she couldn't remember anything they talked about except one thing, his salutation, "Hi, Mom!" This conversation was a beautiful act of love, revealing the strength and glory of the tender ties of the spirit. Blest be these ties!

Teach us, O Father, to rely on Thee, to yield our wills to Thy will, and to find in Thy Son the power and perspective to serve Thy kingdom. Amen.

Saturday, June 27

READ ROMANS 5:1-5

Saviour, where'er Thy steps I see, dauntless, untired, I follow Thee.

—NICOLAUS L. ZINZENDORF

ON THIS Saturday in June, the chances are you will have a picnic scheduled, only to find the day turns out to be hot, humid, and ominous with the black threatening clouds of a thunder-storm. It is all very disconcerting until you chance to reflect that though the day may be dreadful where you are, somewhere the sun is shining. And this means literally what it says as well

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as metaphorically with reference to the "Sun of righteousness." Truly, "It is not night if Thou be near."

Come, Lord Jesus, our souls inspire and lighten with celestial fire. Thou the anointing Spirit art. Amen.

Sunday, June 28

READ HEBREWS 11:1-3

TODAY marks the climax of the World Convocation in Philadelphia celebrating the 250th anniversary of the birth of John Wesley. What better lesson for this day than that I saw depicted in a magazine advertisement. It was the picture of a little boy standing at the ocean's edge and watching the breakers roll in upon the beach. Hands tense, alert, he considers but one question, to retreat, or stand his ground? Wave after wave will gradually give this tiny bather confidence to face the surging waves. From experience comes faith!

O Christ, just as, long ago, Thy servant John Wesley found he could trust in Thee, and Thee alone for salvation, so grant that we today might have faith.

Monday, June 29

READ EPHESIANS 4:25-29

LAST winter the papers carried the story of the Detroit mother who got a five- to fourteen-year jail sentence for embezzling more than \$19,000 from the company where she worked as a bookkeeper. She used the money to buy a home and a hot-rod car for her nineteen-year-old son, and to launch her daughter into a movie career. It seems impossible that she could have expected to get away with such dishonest behavior. Like many others she thought the end justified the means. But she was as wrong as the theory.

Pardon and deliver us, O Lord, in any sin or distortion of the truth of which we are guilty. Take our lives and fill them with goodness. Amen.

Tuesday, June 30

READ LUKE 11:37-41

IN THE thought-provoking drama, "There Are Crimes and Crimes," August Strindberg makes the telling point that God brings punishment upon us like a fire, to cleanse us from iniquity. When Maurice complains that he was innocent of wicked deeds, the Abbe replies, "But you were not innocent. For we have to stand responsible for our thoughts and words and desires also. And in your thought you became a murderer when your evil self wished the life out of your child." The Scriptures confirm this: "Out of the heart . . . life."

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promised by God to His Jewish forefathers and proclaimed by the prophets. With one exception Jesus did not leave the borders of Palestine. His mission, He said, was "to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." Where He did not keep all the Pharisaic rules and rites He loved the temple, went to the great feasts, attended the synagogue, and kept the laws of Moses.

Yet Jesus never restricted His ultimate mission to the Jews. In the plan of God, Jesus came to the Jew first, for only the Jews had kept alive the worship of God. It was the tragedy of the nation that He was rejected by all but a small minority. The world mission of Jesus did not result because of His rejection by the Jews. "God so loved the world" was Jesus' message from the beginning. "Go ye into all the world" was His final command. Jesus came to Israel that Israel might be the means for the evangelization of all nations, of all races. It was not "partiality" that led God to give this high privilege to the Jews. It was God's method for accomplishing His purpose "that all men should be saved."

While Jesus was preaching and teaching, His disciples must have been greatly disturbed by His attitude toward Samaritans and Gentiles. They had little understanding of His purpose. After Pentecost they understood that God's grace was unlimited, that He loved Gentiles as well as Jews. But they were still confused as to the place of the religious laws of their nation in the infant church. Some believed that Gentiles should be received into the church only after they had been circumcised and by that rite become sharers with the Jews in the covenant promises of God. Questions about many of the laws were also involved. What about eating meat forbidden to Jews? What about feasts and fasts, sacrifices and ceremonial hand-washing, hours of prayer and pilgrimages to Jerusalem?

Peter, at first, yielded to the so-called Judaizers. It required a dream to convince him that Cornelius, the centurion, should be baptized (Acts 10). Strange to say, Paul, who had been an ardent Pharisee and Jewish nationalist, became the victorious leader of Gentile Christianity. Galatians is a letter on Christian liberty. Paul had been preaching for fourteen years without direct contact with the leaders of the church in Jerusalem. With Barnabas and Titus, the latter an uncircumcised Greek, he went to meet with Jesus' brother James, and Peter and John, at first in private and then with the whole church. This convention resulted in the waiving of restrictions on receiving Gentiles.

The basis of Paul's argument is that

salvation is the gift of God's grace, received by faith alone. Faith is a matter of the heart and mind. Both Jew and Gentile must trust Jesus Christ, must accept what He did for them on the cross. It is a denial of the completeness of the work of Christ to demand that something be added, as, for instance, circumcision or keeping the laws of diet. These ceremonial laws had done their service and Jews might keep them or not as long as they did not hold them necessary to salvation. Whatever his race, any man who accepts Jesus Christ by faith becomes His and depends on Christ alone for reconciliation with God.

Christian liberty means freedom from the slavery of the law. It is not freedom from responsibility but freedom for responsibility.

Questions:

For more light on Paul's thinking read, Romans 6:10, 11; 7:7-12; 14:7-9; II Corinthians 5:14, 15. For many additional references use your cross-reference Bible. Would Paul find modern counterparts for the Judaizers of his day? Can we deny a place in the church to anyone who trusts his salvation to Jesus Christ?

• Sunday, June 21

THE PRACTICE OF CHRISTIAN LIBERTY

GALATIANS 5:13-18; 5:22-6:5

A CHRISTIAN is both saint and sinner. This is a paradox. To us, these long centuries after Christ, it is still a problem. To the Christians in Galatia and to all those new-made Christians of the first century, it was a terrible puzzle. The law as Moses received it, clearly outlined our ideal relationship to God and neighbor. The Ten Commandments express God's will under which a Christian must and would live. The latter part of our scripture lesson outlines in simple words what is expected of a Christian. Read them slowly and thoughtfully: "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, meekness, temperance, gentleness, self-control." Can I face such a catalogue of virtues without falling upon my knees and crying, "God be merciful to me, a sinner"?

Jesus came up to those standards. It is one of the glories of Christianity that we have a Saviour who perfectly illustrated in His own life all that God requires of us. Jesus raised the standards of the law by turning them inward, as God intended them to be understood. Love was the fulfilling of the law to Jesus. This goes deeper than a surface keeping of the law. It examines the roots of our social relations.

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tians was this: "If, as you say, Paul, we are free from the bondage of the law, why keep the law?" Paul answered, "We are not under the law, but we are under grace. We are not free from Christ, but from the law." Since God knows we cannot keep His law perfectly, He has made us a way of forgiveness in Christ. What is our response to His loving, fatherly forgiveness? The moment Paul understood the love of God in Christ he was eager to ask, "What will You have me do?" God's law, clearly revealed in Jesus Christ, tells us the answer. The Christian's ideal is to be as Christlike as God will help him to be. He will never be perfect in this life, but in the measure he permits Christ to work in his heart, he will grow more Christlike. Where he fails he knows there is forgiveness.

Christian liberty is not doing as you please, unless you please to please Christ. Often the spirit is willing while the flesh is weak, but we have an understanding Lord, an ever-present Friend who will forgive and help according to our need. When we fail in neighborliness, we fail Christ. When love for neighbor is lacking, Christ is lacking. The motive for legalism is fear of the penalties of the law. The motive for Christian relationships with our neighbors is Christian love.

Questions:

The key to freedom is responsibility. Can freedom under a democratic government be made to work without a sense of citizen responsibility? How is such responsibility acquired? Can it be effective without love of country? Do penalties for breaking the law of the nation insure national security? What makes people seek to evade laws?

• Sunday, June 28

PAUL'S JOY IN CHRIST

PHILIPPIANS 1:12-27; 4:7

PAUL seems to be a happy man as he writes this letter to the church in Philippi. What has he to be happy about? He is a prisoner in Rome. He knows of hundreds of his Christian converts who have been burned at the stake or thrown to the lions in the arena. He knows by name many who have lost property, friends, everything for their faith. As top leader in the Christian movement, Paul knows that sooner or later he too will die a cruel death for his Lord. Full of eagerness to witness Christ to the world, he is chained to a soldier, imprisoned, his missionary tours at an end. By every standard of the world, Paul should be discouraged; instead, he is joyful. I think many a lusty song of rejoicing rang out from that dark prison house, and if a man can sing in such a prison, he has the secret of life.

Paul was ever thankful for Jesus

Christ. There must have been moments in his life when the memory of his awful persecution of the church oppressed him. Some have thought it was this which was his "thorn in the flesh," but that is questionable since references to it seem to point to some physical affliction. The very weight of the sin Paul confessed only added to the glory of his forgiveness. His heart fairly burst with joy at the thought of the love of Christ to him, so great that he, "chief of sinners," should be called to be Christ's great apostle to the Gentiles. This is where joy begins in the heart. This is the "peace of God which passes all understanding." Mr. Moffatt translated it "surpassing our dreams." No prison walls can shut that out.

Paul was thankful even for his sufferings for the Gospel. To him it was an honor to be permitted to suffer for the Christ who had suffered and died for him. Paul was not morbid about his trials. He did not deliberately go out to seek suffering as though he might pay a debt to Christ by it, but when it came he never lost the supreme purpose of his life, to show his love for Christ. Love does not count the cost. It is thankful for being permitted to serve, whatever the cost.

Paul was also thankful for the "partnership in the gospel" of his Philippian friends. He remembers with joy converts like Epaphroditus who "nearly died for the work of Christ, risking his life to complete your service to me" (Philippians 2:25-30). Then there had been thoughtful messages and presents sent to him by his friends. He was conscious of their prayers for him. Paul might have sung, "Count your blessings, name them one by one; count your many blessings, see what God has done." He could even be thankful that through his imprisonment he had been able to evangelize his jailors.

This is no Pollyanna optimism. Christian joy never denies the reality of the crosses in life. It is rooted in faith. It accepts the hardships and disappointments of life in childlike confidence that the Christ who redeems will with suffering bring ever fresh supplies of grace. It does not demand to understand all the whys and wherefores of trial. It awaits in faith the time when the mysteries of God's Providence will be made clear in His eternal presence.

Questions:

Read through Paul's letter to the Philippians. Note all the verses in which joy and rejoice are used. Note also what gave Paul joy in each case. Someone has said that happiness is a by-product of good living. Does it depend on our circumstances or on anything we possess? How did Paul's faith lift him above the otherwise depressing influence of his circumstances? What was Paul's definition of life?

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For part-time work outside your home the retail sales field is a good bet if you've kept on your toes. Whether it's a department store or the insurance field, grey hairs often prove an advantage, many employers say.

In practical nursing and in research interviewing, maturity also lends authority. That's why 58 per cent of the interviewers employed by the Market Research Company of America are between 45 and 65.

Regardless of what field you choose to earn that extra money, an optimistic smile and keen interest in whatever is going on around you will help swell the jack-pot. Centuries ago the sage Roman philosopher, Cicero, said, "Old age is not only not given to ease and idleness, but rather full of work, still doing, planning something new and fresh." That still holds today.

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A QUARTER'S WORTH OF LIGHT

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were invitations to Sunday dinner, and on Thanksgiving, when the Duffys asked them to dinner, Mrs. Duffy gave them slices of pumpkin pie to eat on the way home. Gene says now it was the home-cooked pie, as well as the stars in Mary's eyes, that made him propose. Mary promised to become his wife on their Christmas leave, and they planned to travel to Texas to visit his family.

Now in the early morning December darkness the lighted cross made a bright path across last week's snow.

"I hope the Duffys are here," Mary said, as the car stopped. "It is good of them to get up this early just to 'stand up' with a sailor and a Wave."

The Reverend Mr. Guither met them at the door. The Duffys were waiting. In the study, the minister led an earnest prayer calling Gene and Mary by name to God, asking Him to preside at their marriage and over their lives.

"We wanted you to have some wedding music," the minister told them, "so Mrs. Finney, our organist, is here and Mrs. Timm, our soloist. And—" he hesitated. "I hope you won't mind—several of our members asked to come to your wedding. They are waiting in the sanctuary. After the ceremony they would like for you to come downstairs where they have prepared a little breakfast for you."

Gene and Mary were almost speechless with surprise.

"You mean people would get up this early—for us?" Gene asked.

"People at Bethlehem would," Mrs. Duffy assured them. "Milton Merner and Lyle Jacobs are here to take pictures."

As they waited in the vestibule, the impelling notes of the wedding march filled the sanctuary. Gene opened the door while Mary stepped slightly ahead of him.

Music—candlelight—flowers—friends! There, in the pews, almost as if it had been Sunday morning, were their friends—at least thirty-five of them. Gene's eyes met Mary's, and, as she laid her white-sleeved arm across his navy blue, they walked to the altar. Mr. and Mrs. Duffy stood with them.

"Dearly beloved, we are gathered together . . ."

Gene felt his knees shaking. The right one was worse than the left so he put more weight on it.

"WITH THIS ring, I thee wed . . ."

Gene put the plain gold band on her finger even though it was too big. It had been his grandmother's and she had left it to him for his bride.

"I pronounce you man and wife."

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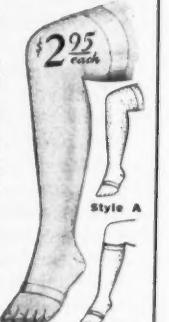
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Mrs. Timm's lovely soprano filled the air with a benediction of music.

Gene kissed Mary and guided her speedily back to the study.

"Mrs. Tinnin!" he exclaimed triumphantly. I just had to be the first to call you 'Mrs. Tinnin.' No more Mary McGrath." He took her in his arms.

The savory scent of frying bacon and the aroma of fresh coffee reminded them they had been invited to their wedding breakfast.

The bride and groom descended the stairs to their wedding feast in Fellowship Hall. There was a bride's table complete with centerpiece of mums and tapering white candles. Dainty napkins decorated with wedding bells marked each place. On another table wedding gifts betokened the good wishes of these early-rising guests.

Arthur Pagel, treasurer of the building fund, was frying bacon, and Mrs. Pagel was serving orange juice. Mrs. Duffy, matron of honor, had changed to the role of cook. Mrs. Finney, the organist, and Mrs. Giss operated two toasters.

Before sitting down to breakfast, the newlyweds opened their presents. There were guest towels, a coffee pot, bedspread, bath towels, Christmas cookies, candy and nuts, and envelopes with gifts of cash. One of Bethlehem's oldest members, Mrs. John Stryker, had embroidered a hand-made towel. Mary treasured the stationary with its picture of the church and everyone signed a sheet of it which served as a guest book.

Then breakfast was officially announced and the blessing asked by the minister. In the spirit of the tradition that the bride serves the bridegroom a piece of wedding cake, Mary fed Gene a slice of toast.

The Guithers gave Gene and Mary a recording of "Bless This House," and Mary wanted it played as a farewell. While the melody played on the Sunday-school record player, the group listened with bowed heads.

As they left, best man Cy Duffy handed Gene an envelope.

"It's the minister's fee," he said. "He wanted you to have it back."

In the vestibule, teen-agers Paula Petersen and Jordis Duffy waited with the rice, and Gene and Mary left amid warm farewells.

When the "Chevy" turned the corner the couple paused a moment to look back at the church. The steeple was silhouetted against a clear blue sky and the sun shone brightly against it.

"And to think it costs only twenty-five cents a night to light it," Mary said.

Gene drew her closer. "Mrs. Tinnin, I certainly have my quarter's worth!"

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Alice Smith hoped for a career as a housewife. Yet her parents felt she should be trained to earn a living, in case of necessity. Alice wondered if a course in home economics would fit her for both roles, or whether she ought to take up secretarial work, which she disliked.

Then there was John Black. He never had been able to make up his mind about anything. His father said he would not send him to college unless he had decided upon a career. But John didn't know what he was fitted for. Should he undertake to be a lawyer, or study aeronautics? Maybe it was

safer to become a salesman in his father's insurance office.

"These are not my problems," I hear you say. "My children are grown." But think again. Isn't there something you as a group could do to help the youngsters in your church—and in your community—who are floundering hopelessly in their plans for the future?

In these days of specialization pupils

in high school need help in making realistic educational and vocational plans. If there is no vocational guidance or placement counseling connected with your public schools—as is the case in many smaller communities—your women's group might step in to help fill this crying need with a Career Investigation Bureau. Here's how to go about it.

A series of "Career Week" talks on various vocations and professions by successful business and professional people would enlighten young people as to the actual requirements and remuneration (spiritual as well as monetary) of different types of work in which they might be interested. Plan now to hold such a series in your church next fall, shortly after school opens.

Working in cooperation with the high school, you will want to first make a survey of pupils' preferences. Each student should list in order of import-



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ance three occupational fields in which he thinks he would be interested. He should also be asked to state if he intends to go to college, and list up to three colleges he might consider attending.

From these lists compile a list of interest groups, for which you will obtain speakers. Subjects may include teaching, secretarial work, farming, tailoring, nursing, electronics, journalism, etc. You may be able to secure your speakers from your church membership. If not, go to such local service organizations as the Rotary, Kiwanis, Lions, or Business and Professional Women's Club. The Farm Bureau, Chamber of Commerce, local hospital and newspaper might also be good sources. Speakers will enjoy rendering this service to their community, and also having this opportunity to discover potential employees.

CAREER WEEK" at your church might consist of a number of meetings held throughout the week. Two or three groups may meet at the same time in different rooms of the church. Students should be allowed to sit in on as many groups as they like.

Allow approximately 45 minutes for each session. This allows 20 minutes for the speaker to outline the educational and physical requirements for his particular job, and what return may be expected from it. At the end of this period there will be 25 minutes for students' questions. If it can be arranged with your speakers, make appointments for students who have shown a particular interest in a specific field to visit the industrial and professional representatives at their places of business for more detailed information and answering of more personal questions.

Such a career program may be continued over a period of years. If this is done, pupils could have a chance to meet with a speaker representing at least two different occupational fields each year. When a pupil has an opportunity to listen to and question speakers in eight different occupational areas during his four high school years, he should know pretty positively which direction he wishes to take by the time he leaves high school.

A follow-up to this series of talks by qualified speakers would be a College Conference for those youngsters expecting to take up any post-high-school training, from a two-year course in nursing, secretarial work, or technical school to a full college course. Tabulate the college interests of the youngsters in your high school from the same survey you made of their vocational interests. Many colleges, particularly

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Strawberry Festival Time

FRESH strawberries and June—an unbeatable combination! There is nothing better than the flavor of strawberries eaten out-of-doors in the warmth of a summer day!

Looking for a new way to raise funds, the Women's Guild of the Federated Church of Southbury, Conn., revived an old, old custom—the strawberry festival. They found it profitable and fun.

Though their methods are a far cry from the old days, these modern ladies find the electric freezer the secret of their success. To avoid a last-minute scramble, they choose a day in advance of the festival on which to buy and prepare their strawberries. The 36 members of the Guild divide into groups, some washing and hulling the berries, others cutting and packing them into boxes. The boxes are quick-frozen in the freezer of a member who lives across the street from the parsonage. It is easy to bring them over as needed on the appointed day, when the festival is held on the parsonage lawn under tall shade trees.

Though these ladies prefer to hold their festival in June before vacations start, so that the full membership will be on hand to help, such a festival could be held at any time, now that strawberries can be neatly packaged in the freezer awaiting use at a moment's notice.

This Women's Guild has, in the four years of its organization, experimented with putting on a strawberry festival each year, and the ladies have found that circumstances and problems vary slightly each time. "Every year we learn something new," says Mrs. O. B. Atkin, last year's festival chairman.

One year, for instance, it rained off and on all morning. When the sun



Tapioca pudding plus strawberry sauce adds up to a pretty strawberry parfait.

came out to stay and the festival began, the tables, which had been prettily decorated in crepe paper, were sadly wilted. The ladies then tried lacy-patterned plastic tablecloths, which can be used year after year, rain or shine. Once when the weather was chilly they added coffee to their menu.

Trial and error taught them that 11 a.m. Saturday was a better opening hour than 2:30 p.m., since more motorists passed through town at that time. Cafeteria service, with a cashier at one end of the table to receive payments before customers carry their dishes to tables, has proved best. Young girls previously waited on tables, but orders had sometimes become confused, and the girls were shy about collecting money. Scooping ice cream was abandoned in favor of cutting up pint packages—a system that proved better for providing uniform servings.

Now the procedure for this Connecticut festival is pretty well established. A slice of ice cream is served with a generous sauce of frozen strawberries and a piece of cake—unless you

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Large Quantity Recipe File

STRAWBERRY DEVONSHIRE (for 32)

Sliced fresh strawberries	1 quart
Sugar	1 cup
Hot water and strawberry juice (140 to 160 degrees F.)	1 1/4 quarts
Strawberry flavored gelatine	1 1/4 cups
Salt	1/4 teaspoon
Cream cheese	12 ounces

Combine berries and sugar and let stand 20 minutes. Drain, reserving juice. (Or, defrost frozen berries and drain.) Add hot water to juice to make required amount of liquid. Dissolve gelatine and salt in hot liquid. Turn half of gelatine into shallow pans to a depth of $\frac{1}{2}$ inch. Chill until firm. Chill remaining gelatine until slightly thickened. Turn into mixer. Add well-softened cheese; whip at medium speed 15 to 20 minutes, or until mixture has doubled in bulk and is smooth, fluffy, and thick. Fold in strawberries and chill over crushed ice until well thickened, stirring occasionally. Turn over firm gelatine and chill until firm. Cut in squares and serve plain or with whipped cream.

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those nearby, will send representatives to talk to groups of young people.

A Military Career Day is another possibility. This should be limited to juniors and seniors, both boys and girls, and should cover the laws and requirements for military service, extending into opportunities for educational and vocational training while serving in the armed forces. Your local recruiting office will help you here.

Your Career Investigation Bureau may lead to something similar to an employment agency. Local stores, individuals, and even large companies in the vicinity will probably apply to you for part-time workers. Part-time employment enables many a youngster, who would not otherwise be able, to finish his high school education, and you may be the go-between in putting these young people in contact with employers who need girls or boys to do

counter work, shop work, baby sitting, office or household work. An opportunity to work in a field he hopes to enter helps crystallize a young person's thinking as to whether that is the job he really wants.

Setting up an Occupations File is another way your group could be of service in connection with your local high school. A valuable aid to this is the "Dictionary of Occupational Titles," published in three volumes by the United States Department of Labor and available from the Superintendent of Documents for approximately \$5. This breaks down all types of jobs and areas where such jobs can be found, and is fascinating reading as well. Your group might contribute this book to the school.

Free occupational materials are available from most of the large companies, such as General Motors, Gen-

eral Electric, American Steel, American Locomotives, Palmolive-Peet-Colgate, General Foods, and so on. These brochures describe the jobs these companies offer and the training required for them, and should be kept in your files.

You will also want to order catalogs from as many colleges and specialty schools as possible. Prospective students can then find out which school has the best program in a selected field. Your contacts with the colleges will also enable you to compare their opportunities for spiritual development, and to include this information for students' guidance.

Make your plans this summer, so that next year's graduates will leave high school better informed to take their places in society as useful citizens. Yours will be a gratifying task.

Other booklets that will be useful to you in this work are available from Science Research Associates, Inc., 57 W. Grand Ave., Chicago, Ill. They cost 40c each, or three for \$1. Titles include: *Choosing Your Career*, *Discovering Your Real Interests*, *Getting Job Experience*, *How to Get THE Job*, *Our World of Work*, *School Subjects and Jobs*, *What Employers Want*, *You and Unions*, *You and Your Mental Abilities*, *Your Personality and Your Job*, *You and the Draft*, *Exploring the World of Jobs*.

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Many women are asking, "Would it be profitable to buy an electric freezer for our church kitchen?" Here are some of the possibilities:

Elsewhere this month we show how such a freezer was used to advantage by women organizing a strawberry festival. You can ease any advance food preparation by use of a freezer. Food can be prepared at the workers' leisure and kept until time to serve. That way workers will be rested from the advance preparation.

Casserole dishes for luncheons or suppers can be frozen right in the casseroles, covered securely with aluminum foil. If casseroles have their own covers, seal them airtight with freezer tape. You can prepare ahead of time spaghetti sauce for a spaghetti supper, ready to be reheated in a hurry. Stuff turkeys as much as a week before roasting. Mold or press hamburgers into shape. Separate patties with wax paper, all ready to broil for a young people's get-together or church picnic.

Fancy sandwiches, cookies, cupcakes and small pastries for receptions and teas can be made when you have plenty of time. Defrost only as needed. Any you don't use will keep as fresh as when made. Pies, cakes, all sorts of desserts keep well for later use. There's no worry about ice cream melting before time to serve. Use as much as you need; the rest will keep indefinitely. The freezer also speeds up preparation of gelatine foods, frozen salads and sherbets.

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A freezer may suit your church's needs. If you already own one, and have used it to advantage, write and tell us about it, won't you? (Woman's Place continues next page)



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IN RESPONSE to an article some months back on novel ways of raising money, a reader has sent in a clever pig of pink cotton, with a neat opening in the middle of the back for coins. There's even a small wire inserted in the pink tail, to achieve the proper curl! The idea is to fill "Fat-a-Pig" with ten cents for each of our country's presidents from Washington to Eisenhower, and ten cents for each holiday in the

year. We don't know who sent this roly-poly pig; no name or address was enclosed.

A simple act of good will has earned friends for a local drug store in Gaspport, N. Y. They've set up a community calendar, where all organizations may register prospective activities, thus helping avoid date conflicts for all. For a small community, such a calendar is an excellent idea.

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL TIME

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choose baking powder biscuits under your strawberries. In addition there are pony rides, a fish pond, dart game, salad table, and so on. These tables enable the ladies to include all church groups in festival activities. The Ladies Aid sponsors a baked goods and sewing table, the young people manage the soft drink concession, while the men's group has its booth in addition to helping set up the big picnic table and eight card tables. This year the men developed a new slant on the white elephant idea. They collected all sorts of good-as-new tools to resell.

If your strawberry festival is near a highway, catching the eye of passing motorists is worthwhile. In addition to a big sign announcing, "Strawberry Festival," you might cut out large strawberries from corrugated paper, paint them brightly, and string them on a line over the tables, so they flutter in the breeze. Tack such strawberries on posts along the road at some distance from the scene to prepare motorists to stop.

A booth of strawberry festival souvenirs will be attractive to tourists who want to take home a remembrance of the occasion. You can find pretty strawberry patterns to embroider, applique,

or paint on aprons, towels, placemats, luncheon sets and handkerchiefs. Decorate glassware, pottery, ceramics, jewelry, stationery with strawberry stencil patterns. Don't forget strawberry-shaped, crocheted pot-holders and pin-cushions and pretty sachets. Or you might buy strawberry-decorated objects to sell at a profit.

As a publicity stunt offer prizes for any who come wearing an article of clothing decorated with strawberries.

Strawberry-patterned or pink oil-cloth can be used to advantage to cover your serving table and to wrap around your ice-cream containers, if you prefer to use the scooping method.

You might offer strawberries in other forms, too. Make up a big bowl of tapioca cream pudding and, if customers prefer a strawberry parfait, fill tall glasses with alternate spoonfuls of pudding and strawberry sauce (pictured on page 57).

If you want to serve just plain strawberries and cream, which many consider the only proper treat for a strawberry festival, here is what you'll need to serve 100: strawberries—50 quarts before cleaning; heavy cream—5 quarts; granulated sugar—5 pounds (two servings of berries per quart).

Large Quantity Recipe File

SHORTCAKE BISCUIT (for 36)

Cake flour	1 pound
Salt	1/4 ounce
Baking powder (variable)	1/2 ounce
Sugar	2 ounces
Shortening	3 ounces
Liquid milk or ice cold water (variable)	13 ounces
Melted butter	2 ounces

Blend dry ingredients by sifting. Cut in shortening; add milk gradually and mix to a soft dough. Turn out on a floured board. Knead slightly, roll, and cut with floured biscuit cutter. For crusty sides, space apart on baking sheet; for soft sides place close together. Brush tops with melted butter. Bake 12 to 15 minutes at 475 degrees F.

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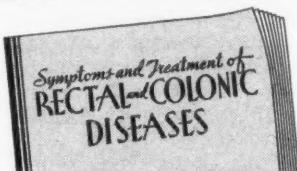
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MAKE MARRIAGE WORK

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myself as long as we both shall live." There must be constancy in thought as well as in act.

Companionship is appreciative. How long has it been since you have told those with whom you walk how much you appreciate that person's sacrifices and devotion and love and loyalty? A wife needs to be told that her husband likes her new dress, that he is grateful for the delicious apple pie. A husband needs to be told that his wife is conscious of the burdens he bears, the labors he expends, the anxieties he suffers in his quest to make a living for the home.

There is a story of a couple in New Hampshire who had been married for many years. One Sunday afternoon they were seated on their front porch. The sun was warm. The fragrance of flowers was in the air. They had sat there thirty minutes, saying little. Finally, the man said to his wife, "I declare, Sarah, sometimes when I think how much you mean to me, I can hardly keep from telling you so!" Some couples are scarcely on speaking terms. They simply exist.

To provide inspiration, strength, joy, stability, and to enrich our souls, God has given us homes. If we are to make a success of our homes there must be companionship, single-hearted and appreciative.

Homes are for children. "And God blessed them." Children need homes. Marriage fulfills one of the purposes for which God established it, when children are born. But the birth of a child is only a beginning. Then come the years of training, of guiding and of shaping the child's life. It is in the home that the child is given the first and finest opportunity to learn of God. For the sake of the child, parents ought willingly to solve any problem which may arise between them.

A fourteen-year-old boy was distressed because he had heard things on the school ground about his father. He asked his minister what he should do. "Must I talk to my father?" he asked. "No," the minister replied, "you continue to trust him and pray for him." The minister visited the father and said, "You must decide whether you want your son."

Days later the man came to the minister and said, "You were right. My boy needs to trust me. I am ashamed of what I have done. I want to be the right kind of father for my son." Turning away from a situation that spelled disaster and tragedy, he turned to a new way of life by the help of God, and established his home in strength.

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"Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it." What a beautiful pattern and example Christ has given us for life in the home! Since marriage has been used in the Bible to represent the relationship of Christ, the bridegroom, with His own beloved bride, the Church, we can easily understand how the fulfillment of our obligations in the home can take place only when Christ's spirit is found in the home. To pause before a meal is enjoyed to offer thanks to God makes

us conscious of God's presence in the home. To take time to read the Word of God and to pray together brings the spirit of God into the home. To be united in church and to engage in Christian work are factors which are indispensable for the fulfillment of marriage as God planned it.

Two people who are willing to begin life together with God and who will live by that faith, and use the forces of body and mind and spirit as God intends them to be used in life, will discover the happiness, strength and beauty of the marriage God has ordained. That kind of marriage will work permanently! **THE END**

GOLDEN-RULE GOVERNOR

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for \$5 a week. Saving enough money to register at night school, he began to accumulate an education "in bits and pieces." Reluctantly, he gave up his ambition for preaching, because at the time the educational requirements looked overwhelming.

For eleven years, Ted McKeldin worked during the day and studied at night. He enrolled in English and history at Baltimore City College, took Latin at another school, economics at Johns Hopkins, public speaking at the YMCA. Finally, at the age of 25, he graduated from the University of Maryland Law School. He had traded the pulpit for the courtroom. But still he would be helping unfortunates by the power of his tongue.

After college, Ted lost no time in influencing people with the spoken word. He got his first real chance to shape new lives when he was elected President of the Methodist Epworth League. For hours on end Ted, by his sound advice and example, would inspire young people who came from broken and shabby homes to search out a more healthy way of life. He loved to watch these youngsters change, and in turn help others to climb. Today, there is many a successful businessman and merchant in Baltimore who was guided by the intelligent words that came from the smiling, intense mouth of their young idol—the 27-year-old Ted Keldin.

McKeldin's speaking career swung into high gear in 1927. He volunteered to stump on street corners and empty lots for William Broening, Republican candidate for Mayor. Perhaps, good government could destroy the evils in Baltimore. Broening was late for the biggest political rally of the campaign. For 77 minutes, McKeldin held down the platform, making his audience laugh with the riotous jokes, and cry with his stories of the destitute and despairing. Finally, the tardy candidate

arrived. That night was the beginning of Ted McKeldin's fame as an orator. Today, he is one of the most sought-after speakers in America and refuses a dozen invitations a week for the five or six he is able to accept.

Broening won the election and gratefully took McKeldin into the Mayor's office as executive-secretary and "pinch hitter" for most official speaking engagements. Here, McKeldin soon learned the ways of politics. And he saw much that he didn't like, including patronage-dispensing and favor-seeking.

When Mayor Broening went out of office in 1931, McKeldin set up his law office, began to specialize in divorce cases. But not in the usual way. Again, he used his persuasive talents—this time to rebuild marital happiness. His secretary, a motherly woman who has been with McKeldin for over 20 years, recalls, "His sincerity and interest in preserving the home saved at least half of the marriages."

During his lawyer days, before he got deeply into politics, he continually gained fame as a public speaker. Whether preaching in the Episcopal Church, toasting at a society dinner, or delivering a crusade-talk at an interracial gathering, Ted McKeldin always said something that disturbed or appealed to his listeners. On Sunday morning, he took his crusading to the Men's Bible Class at Grace Methodist. Here he applied the teachings of Jesus to daily life and tried to guide his class of civic leaders into a nobler and more Christian pattern of life.

In 1935, he was asked to run the Sunday school of 400 pupils at the Church of Ascension and Prince of Peace.

Once again, he jumped at the opportunity to work with young, vital lives. In addition to supervising classes from Cradle Roll to teen-agers, he explained the wisdom of Christ's teach-

ing to the toughest of Sunday-school audiences: a class of rowdy high school boys.

Came his next big decision—to run for Mayor of Baltimore. In the 1939 election, politicians and church people boosted McKeldin so energetically that he missed winning by only 24,000 votes—an extremely close margin in a city where registered Democrats outnumber Republicans four to one. Four years later he tried again, and made it.

One of his first acts as Mayor was to declare war on Baltimore's slums, which housed about one-third of the population. Through the famed "Baltimore Plan of Slum Clearance," many acres of dilapidated, rat-infested houses were cleaned, repaired or torn down. Out of these slum areas rose cleaner and safer houses. He opened the first city camp for Negro children.

Certainly, it was McKeldin's early training in the Methodist church and those eleven years of work and school that carved out the kind of Governor Maryland has today. Even McKeldin's detractors, who may not like what they label his "verbosity and verbal flamboyance," admit that he goes a long way toward living his religion. They are impressed by this man who neither drinks nor smokes and who bans alcoholic beverages from the executive mansion. With scoffing admiration, his political opponents speak of him as the "Golden-rule man." There are few politicians who doubt that McKeldin, according to his lights, always picks the Christian road to follow, regardless of where the political advantage lies.

Warned a prominent political leader: "I know one thing. McKeldin is losing a lot of white votes because he's worrying too much about the Negroes!" But since 1951, when his Commission on Interracial Problems and Relations began to function, theaters and the big department stores have begun serving Negroes and segregation has almost disappeared from city and state parks.

Neither is it politically astute to buck the strong tide of anti-Semitism that has always swept through Baltimore, a mercantile and clothing center. But the Governor's attitude toward restrictions because of religion was recently demonstrated in a dramatic way. The Governor and Mrs. McKeldin and their two children walked into the lobby of a Maryland hotel. On the desk was a sign reading: "Gentiles only." Sighed McKeldin, "It's a good thing we didn't bring the Master along."

Ted McKeldin is no saint, and no one mistakes him for one. But he does know what the underprivileged of Maryland need, and he is getting it for them. He is a real paradox in U. S. politics—part evangelist, part politician.

But he is a welcome paradox. END



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Here is a book for the entire family, for everyone will find in these pages some lovable character near his own age. This is a story warm in the joy of close family relationships. You probably will not soon encounter a sturdier, happier and more readable book.

The Skogen family, who lived on a Wisconsin farm some forty years ago, were short on cash, but rich in everything else. They had far more fun than families who were far more "fortunate" because they were held together by the bonds of parental affection, humor, and understanding. Ma Skogen is one of those mothers who gives joyfully, "measure pressed down and running over," to her children, her husband and her neighbors. The children, growing up, caught her spirit. Pa Skogen and his efforts to keep his family around him as one by one they reached the marrying age and wanted to move to town is oft-times humorous and always touching. How the father of this family of five children finally saw his dream come true, when he least expected it, is the satisfying ending of this affectionate chronicle of a family whose spirit we moderns would do well to recapture.

OUT OF RED CHINA, by Liu Shaw-Tong (Duell, Sloan & Pearce-Little, Brown, 269 pp., \$4).

This is the first authentic and, to me, completely convincing story of the inner workings of Communist China that I have read. It is the record of one year of the author's life. He tells us, "It is no fairy tale, it is not fiction." But it does destroy the fiction of a "people's government" with headquarters in Peiping. It is good for the world that Liu Shaw-Tong escaped. For me, there is a dramatic and comforting conclusion to this book. It creates the firm conviction that Communism in China is waging a steadily losing war. Once again this mighty land will conquer the conqueror.

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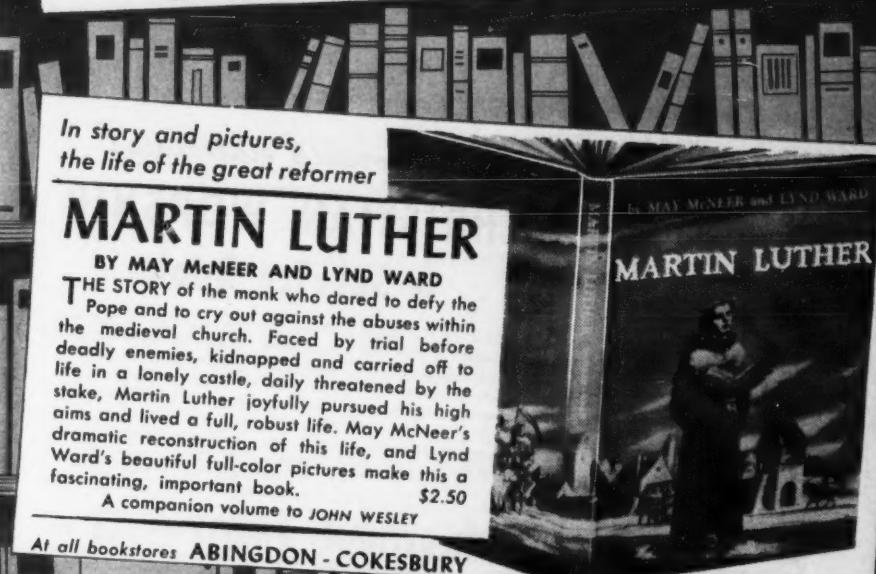


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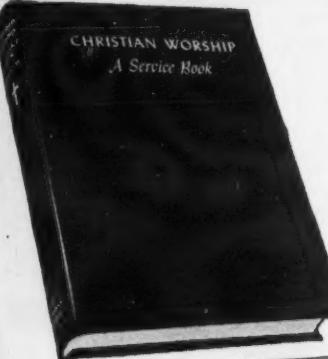
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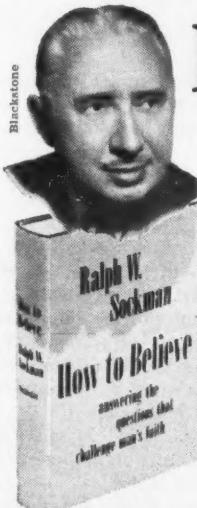
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boy's face reflected in that smile. The years dropped away and my heart ached with longing. Then I happened to glance down. The boy's legs, shriveled and wasted away, were encased in heavy braces! The little feet were crooked and imprisoned in heavy shoes.

"Oh, God?" I whispered. "Why?"

I felt sick, and for a moment I was tempted to get up and go home where I could weep and cry out in anguish at this awful thing, but the service was starting. Somehow, I pulled my eyes away, resolving not to look again.

There was an opening hymn, the minister gave an address of welcome, then the youngsters took over the program. Several older children spoke pieces, one or two sang, then the teacher in charge of the program announced there would be a song by the Primary Department.

The minister came down from the platform, his face wreathed in a beautiful smile. I watched as he approached, then I broke my promise to myself and looked across the aisle. The crippled boy's face was alight as the minister held out his arms.

"Oh, no!" I told myself. "He's not going up on that platform and sing!"

But he did! He stood right in the front row, supported by his little crutches, that big beautiful smile still on his face. Out over the audience, his voice rose high above the others. He was singing for all he was worth, "Jesus Loves Me." One had only to look at his face to know that he believed it. Jesus loved him!

I closed my eyes to shut out the sight. I had come to church because something in my own life had been bothering me. I thought perhaps I might hear a sermon that would help lift me out of the slough of despond into which I had sunk. But there was no sermon that day, no words of wisdom and hope spoken by a silver-tongued orator—just a small boy with a chubby face beaming happiness and faith for all to see despite the handicap of two useless limbs. A small boy singing with conviction "Jesus Loves Me."

As soon as the service was over, I tried to get out without seeing anyone, but a neighbor grabbed my arm and introduced me to the minister. I guess I acknowledged the introduction—I hope so. But a question was burning on my lips and I had to ask it.

"That little boy," I said to the minister, "the one you helped up on the platform. Who is he?"

I shall never forget his smile. "My son," he said proudly. "He really put that song over, didn't he?"

"He certainly put his whole heart

into it," I said, anxious to escape from an embarrassing situation. "He's a beautiful child," I said.

"Thank you. Naturally, we think so! Do come again. It was so nice to see you here today."

I hurried out into the beautiful June sunshine. As I walked along on my two sturdy legs, I tried to think of what it was that had been bothering me. For the life of me, I couldn't remember.

Then I thought again, why does a thing like that have to happen?

I wondered how the minister felt about it. Did he not feel he was bearing a heavy cross? Did he not ever question God as I had just now, and say, "Why, God, why should this have happened to my son?"

Then I remembered what my mother used to say whenever I'd question her over the justice of a certain thing. She would always quote from the Bible, "The just shall suffer with the unjust." It was never much consolation to me and it wasn't now. I could think of a dozen men, living useless, sinful lives, who might deserve such penance as

Singing Heart

My soul awakes to rise above its scars
And laughter marks the lovely hour for me.
Though I have heard no clanging noise of
bars,
No certain thing that I could touch or see,
There is a splendor where the shadows lay
And bright gold wings where all the sky was
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this, but surely not a man of God!

A few weeks later, I found out more about the little boy. He had been much worse than when I saw him. His father had asked for a pastorate in our city where there is a cerebral palsy clinic. Since coming here, his son had been improving rapidly and it was thought that, in time, he might be cured.

No wonder the father could smile. Hope was alive within him, and he had faith! Then I remembered that line, "Into each life some rain must fall," and suddenly I began to search back over the years. Rain? Why, my own life hadn't even had so much as a sprinkle, compared to this.

I still can't remember what it was that was bothering me that day I went to church. Perhaps sometime, it will come to me. Whatever it was, it couldn't have been too important. I don't think any troubles will ever seem important to me again—not when I remember a smiling little lad standing on crutches and singing from deep inside, "Jesus Loves Me." THE END



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THE GIRLS OF PLEASURE ISLAND (Paramount). The privacy and security of an English father, his three daughters and a housekeeper on a tropical atoll are invaded by a group of American Marines sent to build an airstrip. The boys, in their boisterous way, take over family and island until their task is completed. This is a delightfully-told story, with amusing situations and budding romance in a war background. The Marines are a typical group of American youth, efficient, human and full of energy. The more reserved attitude of the British family creates in-

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teresting contrasts. A generally pleasant atmosphere pervades the whole story which is set in beautiful Technicolor and well acted throughout. **F**

PONY EXPRESS (*Paramount*). The establishment of the Pony Express from St. Joseph, Mo., to Sacramento, Calif., furnishes the motivation for this western in Technicolor. Buffalo Bill and Wild Bill Hickock are among those involved in this depiction of a colorful era in United States history. The interplay of antagonistic personalities offers interesting considerations in unselfish motives and loyalties as compared to personal advantages. Well acted by a fine cast, this film with a plausible, if not historically accurate, plot is interesting and entertaining. **A, Y**

DESTINATION GOBI (*20th Century-Fox*). In World War II seven Army men under the direction of a Navy officer run a meteorological station in the Gobi desert in order to send weather information to the U. S. Navy in the China Sea. Their encounters with Mongolian nomads and Japanese detachments make a lively story with many interesting features, some good comedy and a fair portion of adventure. In Technicolor, well acted, entertaining. **F**

OFF LIMITS (*Paramount*). Bob Hope as a fight promoter enlists in the Army to be with a young man he has trained for the ring. The latter is turned down but Hope must serve his period of enlistment. Another soldier seeks Hope's direction in boxing. The ups and downs of his prowess are here recounted, with interference from "underworld" forces and assistance from the boy's aunt who is not indifferent to Hope's blandishments. A typical Hope film that will interest his fans and irritate those unenthusiastic about his brand of entertainment. **A, Y**

SOMBRERO (*MGM*). Three bachelors are in love, each having great difficulty in winning the girl of his choice. Their stories are interwoven, mingling humor and tragedy, local color and sophistication. Superstition and ignorance seem to be a part of religious life. The black art of the sorcerer is on a par with the tricks of a prankster. Situations are solved in a tragicomic manner. Although filmed in Technicolor in Mexico and based on the novel "A Mexican Village," it is difficult to decide whether the film is trying to depict a panorama of Mexican life or is intended as a glossy musical. **A, Y**

THE HITCHHIKER (*RKO*). While driving to their destination on a fishing trip, two men pick up a hitchhiker who is promptly recognized as a potential murderer. He forces his victims to drive until they reach the place from which he plans a final escape but where he meets his end. This is a strong, meaty drama of crime, well acted, with realism as its main quality. **A**

SMALL TOWN GIRL (*MGM*). A "pretty" musical, framed in a small town complete with white New England church and a country store that sells everything from pianos to ice cream sodas. A wealthy playboy learns from the judge and his

daughter that there are some things money will not buy. Put in jail for speeding and insolence, the young man falls in love with the girl and is destined for the simple life. The girl, in the meantime, seems to enjoy a surreptitious excursion to the big city's plush night spots.

The film begins and ends in church and there are several scenes in which grace at the table is attempted but foiled, with much levity derived. The treatment of this and other religious episodes is unsatisfactory. **A, Y**

I LOVE MELVIN (*MGM*). A young girl with dancing and musical aspirations meets an equally ambitious young photographer with a resourceful turn of mind, nimble feet and a pleasant personality. A romantic situation results, bringing a happy climax to a gay Technicolor comedy full of youthful adventure. A large cast of young actors provide peppy dancing, singing and good humor. **F**

ABBOTT AND COSTELLO GO TO MARS (*Universal*). Abbott and Costello pull the wrong switches and a space ship takes off for Mars but lands in New Orleans at Mardi Gras time. Two convicts get aboard and the party departs for Venus, abode of beautiful women, with attendant adventures. Return to earth includes a plane view of New York and a Broadway ticker tape welcome. Although this is slapstick comedy, there are fewer departures into stupidity than usual. Of interest to "space-ship" enthusiasts. **F**

THE LAST POSSE (*Columbia*). A sheriff, after bringing peace and prosperity to a Western town, loses himself in drink to forget the secret of a murder. Because of other men's misdeeds, he has a chance to prove his mettle and his "last posse" shows him to be the hero. This is a tale well told, using the past to explain the present. It is acted realistically. Violence is required by the plot. Good riding, interesting scenery. **A, Y**

INVADERS FROM MARS (*20th Century-Fox*). A science-fiction story which relies on deep psychological terror for its impact. The dream of a young boy, son of a research scientist, turns out to be a wild nightmare for the child and the audience. The plot starts on the familiar ground of science-fiction and then goes berserk. The boy's parents, the police, his playmate and others whom the child is taught to trust, all turn against him in complete treachery and inhumanity. Calling this a bad dream does not excuse the horror nor make it acceptable for children, who might be attracted by the title. **Objectionable**

SAN ANTONE (*Republic*). A Civil War period story (1861), set in Texas and Mexico. The action moves rapidly and involves several conflicting elements: a rich Texas rancher family, Union and Confederate forces, Mexican soldiers faithful to Maximilian, the partisans of Juarez. Personal animosities and human frailties provide the dramatic situations in this complicated plot. The outcome exposes treachery, and love is triumphant. Beautiful scenery, fine photography, good acting, appropriate Western music. **F**

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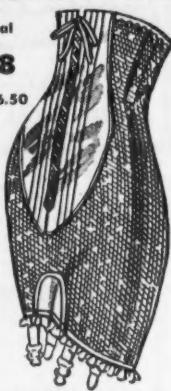


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BACK TALK

Tips and Tippling

TO THE EDITORS:

For the people of the church family, I think these services ("Why 'Tip' the Preacher?" February, 1953) should be done graciously with no tips expected. In our home life when a member needs some extra attention, we do not ask for extra pay—so why in the family of the church? As for those who only recognize the church on these occasions, it might help bring them into the fold if they weren't made to feel that the only thing that mattered was their money.

Mansfield, Ohio

(Miss) GRACE E. BABCOCK

. . . Frank S. Morley's article brings up the problem of "tippling" at wedding and wedding receptions. It seems a natural thing for a minister to interpret the holy ceremony of marriage in such a light as to make drinking a foolish venture. I am not at all adverse to saying that all alcoholic beverages are entirely out of order. . . . We suggest having the reception in our church parlors. The ladies of the church have taken on the project and they love it. They deck the table, make all kinds of lovely fancy cookies and decorative sandwiches.

Lockport, N. Y.

(Rev.) HARLEIGH MOOD ROSENBERGER

All in the Ozark Family

TO THE EDITORS:

Your editor gave credit for my pix on Miss Dorothy Green of the Ozarks (March, 1953) to someone else.

Little Rock, Arkansas

J. M. GRAY

• Our editor was not the culprit this time—except that he should have known it took an Ozark boy to catch the spirit of our Ozark lady!

Religion and Government

TO THE EDITORS:

Dr. Sockman states in his sermon (Nov. '52) "As a Christian nation . . . America has officially recognized in Jesus Christ our leader." In a certain sense this is a Christian nation. But let us go on and make our Christianity really official by adopting the proposed Christian amendment which would "devoutly recognize the authority and law of Jesus Christ Saviour and Ruler of nations, through Whom are bestowed the blessings of Almighty God."

New Castle, Pa. T. R. HUTCHESON

. . . Let every Christian pray every day for our President, every member of his cabinet and of Congress that our Heavenly Father will put in the minds and

hearts of each one a sincere desire to do His will in all things that come up in the governing of our country and in our relationships with other countries.

Harrisonville, Mo.

(Mrs.) ANNIE R. DAVIS

Grass-Roots Pastor

TO THE EDITORS:

In the February issue of CHRISTIAN HERALD ("All in the Family"), I am referred to as a "grass-roots" pastor. I have been called many things, but never that. This expression is both new and foreign to me. A word of enlightenment will be appreciated.

Gibson, Pa. (Rev.) A. CLAY SICHER

• We meant the term as a high compliment, to get across the point that Brother Sicher is a preacher close to his people, not an ivory-tower specialist who hands down pearls of wisdom from high (and protected) places.

All One?

TO THE EDITORS:

In our present denominational union of churches there is so little accord that a common celebration of the Lord's Supper cannot be observed. . . . In Korea today are men from every state in the Union, but not as Californians, Texans, Virginians. They are there as members of one great national organization, the Army of the United States. . . . Why not a like army of Christian men and women rooted in the churches, as one all-conquering host under the one great Commander, truly proving what we are given to proclaim with so much fervor, that "We are not divided, all one body we?"

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